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# SHEFA cuts financial awards

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- New rates effective this spring 2011

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REPORTER

Scholars of the Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance will be getting smaller amounts starting in the spring semester of 2011 after the SHEFA board adopted yesterday an across-the-board budget cut for all its programs, ranging from 25 percent up to 50 percent.

## Speaker, 2 senators have worst attendance in 2010

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Tenorio



Ayuyu



Crisostimo

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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) had the worst attendance among 29 lawmakers in 2010 by missing 33 percent of regular and special sessions, followed by Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-

Rota) and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) who were each absent in 19 percent of Senate sessions.

Tenorio attended 22 of 33 House sessions, while the two senators were present only in 22 of 27 Senate sessions from

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## Tom DeLay gets 3 years in prison



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AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Former U.S. House Majority Leader

Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay smiles as he leaves the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas, on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

AP

Tom DeLay, once considered among the nation's most powerful and feared lawmakers, was sentenced to three years in prison Monday for a scheme to influence elections that already cost him his job, leadership post and millions of dollars in legal fees.

The sentence comes after a jury in November convicted DeLay, a Houston-area Republican, on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to

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SHEFA has three programs that assist local students obtain college degrees: grant-in-aid, priority field of study, and the incentive program.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject, members voted yesterday to cut the grant-in-aid assistance for on-island scholars by 33 percent—from \$1,200 to just \$800. Off-island grant-in-aid scholars will get a 40-percent cut—from \$2,000 to just \$1,200. These financial awards

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## CUC: Over 600 suspected illegal wastewater users

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has uncovered up to 600 illegal wastewater users in its system and enforcement actions

against these illegal connections could ease the agency's cash flow problems.

In the interim financial plan it submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, CUC

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### NO POWER

Sylvester Sablan, a computer operator at the Legislative Bureau, opens the glass door to one of the hallways lit up only by emergency lights when power went out at the legislative building on Capital Hill shortly after 4pm yesterday, sending many employees home since it was almost the end of business day. Some six hours earlier, power to the legislative building on Capital Hill also got disconnected for non-payment of bills but the matter was immediately settled so the power was restored immediately. Because the Legislature does not have a generator, most work get disrupted every time there's no power from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

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# Local

## Legislature disconnected, Capital Hill suffers power outage

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Unscheduled power interruptions occurred yesterday noon in some parts of Capital Hill and nearby areas as a result of an engine failure at Power Plant 1.

The Legislature was not spared from the outage and suffered not just one but two interruptions yesterday.

The first one, however, was actually a disconnection, with CUC cutting off power to the Legislature due to unpaid billings. Power was only restored around noon after the Fitial ad-

ministration requested CUC to reconnect the Legislature.

Past 4pm, however, another power outage hit the Legislature, this time due to a Power Plant 1 engine tripping off.

CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae disclosed yesterday that the Legislature was one of the offices on CUC's list for disconnection due to unpaid billings.

"They were earlier included on the disconnection list...but we managed to restore the power back at the Legislature yesterday [at the request of the Fitial administration]," Malae said.

A number of government offices were cut from the power grid and lost their water connections last week due to the government's unpaid bills, amounting to \$2.5 million. CUC has since reconnected the lines to some offices at the request of the administration to spare critical departments.

Malae said one of the eight engines at Power Plant 1 tripped off late yesterday afternoon, causing a 25-minute power interruption in areas being serviced by feeders 3 and 4. He said CUC was able to revive the equipment—Engine No. 7—af-

ter two hours of work.

Malae earlier disclosed that many of CUC's power engines are already beyond their overhaul schedules and that Saipan could go back to the days of frequent power outages if the scheduled overhaul is delayed any further.

Saipan Tribune learned that five engines need immediate overhaul and other repairs within the next 12 months. The price tag totals \$4.2 million, based on CUC's assessment.

A major reason for the delayed overhaul is the lack of funds to buy needed engine parts.

## Economic recovery summit of lawmakers, businesses today

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Lawmakers and business leaders are holding a full-day summit today on Capital Hill to exchange ideas on how the CNMI economy can recover from its current dismal state, and ensure that those ideas are soon put into action.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said lawmakers would like to hear directly from key business leaders what they think the stumbling blocks are to economy recovery, and how the Legislature can help businesses whether it be through new laws or repeal of existing laws.

"We want businesses to share their ideas with us on how we can all improve the economy. What can we do as legislators to help them? At the same time we also would like to know the main problems they are encountering that are preventing businesses from helping the economy grow," Basa said in an interview yesterday.

The summit is jointly hosted by the House Committees on Ways and Means, and Commerce and Tourism chaired by Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

## House holds off action on 'double dipping' initiative

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Citing more studies needed, the House held off action on a Senate-proposed constitutional amendment removing the two-year re-employment limitation on certain government retirees, and gives the Legislature the authority to exempt additional job categories but only after at least three-fourths majority vote of members of both houses.

This, even as some seven months had already passed since Senate Legislative Initiative 17-3 was referred to Rep. Rafael Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and a month after the panel issued its committee report.

Among other things, SLI 17-3 seeks to amend the constitution to explicitly state that qualified retirees may be re-employed as teachers, nurses or other critical positions without losing their retirement benefits.

The JGO Committee was "unable to reach a consensus" on the initiative; the panel recommended that the full House membership decide on the proposal.

However, during Monday's session, the initiative was re-committed to the JGO panel.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes' (R-Saipan) SLI 17-3 proposes "a constitutional amendment to explicitly state

Dubbed "Economic recovery: A conversation with business leaders," the summit will be from 8am to 5pm in the House chamber on Capital Hill. It includes plenary sessions and small group discussions.

Basa said the two committees identified at least nine priority items, but they want to also know whether these are the matters that the business sector would like to be dealt with first. They include banking, investment, labor, transportation, taxation, permitting and licensing, land, utilities, and tourism.

The morning hours will include discussions on legislative priority setting from the business sector's point of view, while the afternoon sessions will include the formulation of action plans or prioritization of recommendations.

Basa said all 29 lawmakers are encouraged to participate in the summit, while at least 24 business leaders and long-term businesses have been invited.

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said one of their achievements in 2010 was being able to work with some members of the Legislature to stave off attempts to raise taxes that will further increase the cost of doing business in the CNMI.

that qualified retirees may be re-employed as classroom teachers, doctors, nurses and other medical professionals without loss of retirement benefits, regardless of the individual's occupation prior to retirement."

As Demapan's JGO Committee put it, Reyes' initiative seeks to remove the two-year re-employment limitation and instead provide the Legislature with the authority to establish limits on the maximum time that any retiree may be re-employed without the loss of retirement benefits.

Reyes' initiative also seeks "to eliminate the time limitation on such re-employment, and to clarify that the term 'medical professionals' includes dentists, dental lab technicians, dental assistants, medical lab technicians, medical assistants, therapists, veterinarians, animal health officer or equivalent, and the like."

Reyes, a long-time senator, introduced three similar initiatives on so-called "double dippers" since 2004 but the proposals were either not reported out by committees or defeated by the House.

Double dippers are government retirees who go back to government service. They are called that because they continue to get their pension while receiving a government salary at the same time.

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# 3 NMC execs fly to San Francisco to defend accreditation

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The Northern Marianas College's interim president and chairperson of the Board of Regents traveled to San Francisco this week to plead for the institution's continued accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Lorraine T. Cabrera and regent Maria Paz Younis were joined on this trip by Galvin Deleon Guerrero, the college's accreditation liaison officer and director of institutional effectiveness.

The three officials' presence were requested by members of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, ACCJC, which will

decide the fate of the institution's accreditation.

NMC was placed on show-cause status in June last year, just a year after it reaffirmed its accreditation in June 2009. During the show-cause period, NMC remains accredited with WASC.

Saipan Tribune learned that WASC will host a public meeting on Jan. 11, during which various accreditation-related issues will be discussed, including policies on distance learning, institutional compliance with Title IV, institutional integrity, and institutional degrees and credits.

This public meeting will be followed by closed-door sessions during which the commission will decide on which of four actions to take: lift the

show-cause status and restore NMC's full accreditation, maintain the show-cause status as is, lift the show-cause status and impose another sanction, or completely revoke NMC's accreditation.

The commission will also decide at the meeting whether to accept or reject NMC's show-cause report and supplemental report.

## Supervised release ends for woman in tax refund scam

The federal court yesterday discharged from supervised release a woman who completed a seven-month prison term for her involvement in a fraudulent income tax refund scheme.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman terminated proceedings in Dianne Marie R.

In a statement issued yesterday, the college said that its delegation will be providing information about NMC's continuing efforts to meet and exceed accreditation standards.

"Everyone at the college has been working hard to address the recommendations made by ACCJC. We've been looking forward to this opportunity to

report all that we have accomplished in a short amount of time," said Barbara Merfalen, acting interim president.

NMC submitted its show-cause report on Oct. 15, 2010, and in December 2010 provided the commission with a supplemental report that contains evidence demonstrating NMC's compliance with ac-

creditation standards.

NMC was placed on show-cause status as a result of 10 new concerns cited by the commission. Failure to address these concerns will result in the termination of NMC's accreditation with WASC.

NMC is scheduled for a WASC self-study visit in March 2012.

## Man in hot water for alleged pot cultivation, possession of bullets

A man accused of cultivating marijuana plants and illegal possession of bullets has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Alex Kalen Borja, through assistant public defender Richard Miller, pleaded not guilty to the information charging him with unlawful possession of ammunition and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja set a status conference for Jan. 19, 2011 at 1:30pm.

The CNMI Drug Task Force arrested Borja on Dec. 28, 2010, in Susupe.

Task Force officer Sean White stated in his report that on Dec. 26, 2010, he helped three police officers field test a possible narcotic substance at Borja's residence.

White said he found 24 marijuana plants being cultivated in

the jungle area located at the side of the house.

White said that he also saw a duffel bag at the residence that contained six bullets for a .38 special caliber and one bullet for .357 caliber.

Borja allegedly has no valid firearms license. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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## SHEFA

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are for every semester.

On-island students taking up graduate studies, meanwhile, will get \$900 per semester, while off-island beneficiaries will get \$1,800.

Grant-in-aid scholars at the Northern Marianas Trade Institute will be getting \$1,000 for the whole year, instead of the current \$800 for every semester.

The board also reduced by 33 percent its financial award for the priority field of study—from \$1,500 per semester for every scholar both on- and off-island to only \$1,000 per semester starting this spring.

It was also decided that the priority field of study assistance would only be open to eligible junior and senior college students. This award was previously

offered to all eligible scholars—even freshmen and sophomore college students—who are taking courses and degrees that are classified as priorities.

For the incentive program, the board drastically reduced the assistance for on-island scholars from \$2,000 per semester to only \$1,000 per semester—a 50-percent cut.

For off-island recipients, the board voted to cut it by just 25 percent, from \$2,000 to \$1,500 per semester.

The incentive award also has a new condition: that students must meet the 3.5 grade point average based on cumulative grades. In addition, it will not be offered to freshmen students who don't have grades and disqualifies students who fail to meet the 12-unit credit requirements.

### Tough decision

SHEFA board chair Jose Ma-

fnas described the board's action as "a tough decision" but the right thing to do as a result of the dwindling budget for the scholarship program.

"This is a major and tough decision. It's not a decision we made just last night or this week. Yes, we want to invest in our students but we have to be realistic here. If we will continue to provide the same awards, it will only be a dream and we will be giving our students false hopes," he said during yesterday's almost four-hour meeting.

SHEFA is allocated \$3 million every year; the money comes from revenues generated from poker fees and licenses.

Mafnas disclosed that SHEFA's projected revenue this fiscal year—\$3.4 million based on active poker machines—may not happen.

"I don't think we [SHEFA] can realize the projected \$3.4

million from poker fees...I think it will be lower," said Mafnas, adding that as of yesterday 11 poker machines did not renew licenses with the government.

There are a total of 115 poker machines that are expected to renew their licenses this month, including the 11 that did not renew.

As of late 2005, there were 1,414 poker machines in the Commonwealth, contributing some \$16.4 million to government coffers. As of December 2010, the CNMI recorded just 576 active poker units on three islands.

Poker operators pay a \$12,000 annual license fee for each machine on Saipan and \$10,000 on Rota and Tinian. The Saipan local government gets 50 percent of the license fee or \$6,000, while Tinian and Rota local governments get a \$4,000 from each machine. The rest of the money goes to the general revenue fund.

Mafnas believes the recent delay in the issuance of checks to students was a result of "too many" recipients and the "unrealistic" amounts being given out by the program.

### '\$2.2M disbursed in fall 2010'

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider reported yesterday that SHEFA disbursed a total of \$2.2 million in the fall semester of 2010—an amount that is already more than half of the program's \$3 million annual budget.

In his report, he indicated that \$965,200 was issued to 635 grant-in-aid scholars; \$793,500 to 529 priority fields of study scholars; and \$524,000 to 262 scholars under the incentive program. Over \$1 million, he said, remains pending for release to fall semester scholars.

Board member Maggie Ca-

macho expressed concern over the amount disbursed for just one semester, citing the need to enforce immediate changes in the grant amounts.

"Our budget is only \$3 million and I am concerned that we approved \$2.2 million for just one semester," she told the board.

According to Mafnas, the decision to reduce the financial aid has been on the new board's plate since they came on board. He cited the exchanges of email correspondence among member and the informal meetings and discussions on the subject.

"Due to funding dilemma... we have to do something," Mafnas said, adding that SHEFA cannot provide or spend money it doesn't have.

To date, he said, many students are still waiting for their checks, which have been delayed due to the CNMI government's cash flow problem.

## SPEAKER

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January to December 2010, compiled data from the Senate and House shows.

But Tenorio, in an interview yesterday, said the effectiveness of lawmakers has nothing to do with good attendance but on the quality and importance of bills that address "shortage of funds."

"As a Legislature, we're helpless because we can't address the main problem of fund shortage. ... The best thing is for this Legislature to shut down. We're wasting money. ... If we had important legislation to act on like casino, then I will attend and fight for the bill," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said when the Senate killed his Saipan casino legalization bill, he lost his interest in the Legislature.

"For me, casino industry is the only thing that could save the CNMI economy. Everything else is a waste of time," Tenorio said, referring to other bills passed by the 17th Legislature.

The former governor said that just yesterday, a medical referral

patient that was supposed to be sent to the Philippines couldn't be booked for the trip because the CNMI Medical Referral Office has outstanding debts to travel agencies.

Tenorio, who reiterated that he will be stepping down as speaker by end of February, was off-island on official business and for family medical reasons or were in other meetings on-island when he missed the 11 sessions.

Tenorio also had the worst attendance among 21 members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, with only two of at least eight sessions in the first year of the 17th Legislature.

The speaker's counterpart—Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota)—missed only one of 27 Senate sessions in 2010.

That was when he needed to testify at an oversight hearing on CNMI immigration at the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C.

### Perfect attendance

While Tenorio, Ayuyu, and Crisostimo had the worst attendance, eight of 29 lawmakers had "perfect attendance"—five House members and three senators.

At the House, these were

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogu-moro (Cov-Saipan), floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) and Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan).

Of nine senators, the three with perfect session attendance were Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

Torres, the longest serving member of the House, said that having a perfect attendance does not necessarily mean that a lawmaker is a standout; it only means they are taking their responsibilities seriously "especially for our constituents."

"I try to be present in every session. I try not to waste any session," said Torres, who served from the 7th to 17th House of Representatives, except for the 11th and 14th.

Camacho, for his part, said that, while attendance is important, "it is not the sole indicator of a good legislator."

"I show up to sessions because it is a very important part of my job. I try to fulfill my duties as a legislator and luckily,

I haven't been ill or off island when we have a session," the freshman lawmaker said.

Rep. Joseph Palacios said he keeps his promise to serve the public "and work for their interest and will continue to fight for their rights."

### Absent for a host of reasons

Most lawmakers' absences were considered "excused" for a host of reasons, including off-island medical treatment, sickness for a few days, official business travel off-island, or personal leave.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) was absent in 18 percent or six of the sessions during the first half of last year, but this was because of the need to undergo two surgeries in Manila.

When Deleon Guerrero's medical condition improved, he was present in all the sessions held in the second half of the year.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) were each absent in 15 percent or five sessions in 2010.

They were followed by Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan),

and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) who were each away by 12 percent or four of 33 sessions.

Yumul missed three successive sessions in October, but only after the fiscal year 2011 budget bill was passed and enacted into law.

He reiterated that is important that lawmakers are able to participate in discussions during sessions, and able to vote on important legislation such as the budget. Yumul, who went off island for medical reasons in October, said when he knew he would be away, he told his colleagues to convey to the whole House his positions on certain bills.

Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) were each absent 11 percent or three of 27 Senate sessions last year.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) missed 9 percent or three of 33 House sessions, while Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) missed 7.4 percent or two of 27 Senate sessions in 2010.

House minority leader Digo Benavente (R-Saipan) missed two or 6 percent of House sessions.

ing to the CUC sewer main is typically the responsibility of the building owner.

"CUC is aware of the financial burden with that of property owners installing the necessary building sewer facilities from their buildings to the CUC sewer main. CUC intends on applying for grant funding from EPA in hopes of assisting residential property

### One session missed

Besides the Senate president, six other House members also missed just one session.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) each missed 3 percent or one of 33 sessions of the House in 2010.

Tebuteb earlier said "there is certainly a difference between not being there and being there."

At the House, there were only three sessions where all 20 House members were present, including the inaugural session on Jan. 11. The others were on Sept. 2 and on Oct. 2, when the Legislature already missed the deadline to timely pass a budget.

Because of a deadlock between the House and Senate, the Legislature failed to pass a budget by the Sept. 30 deadline, causing the government to partially shut down and send some 4,000 government employees home for almost 10 days.

At the Senate, all senators were present during sessions when the fiscal year 2011 budget was the only item on the agenda.

## CUC

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said that it has created an internal revenue task force to identify illegal users or un-metered customers as well as find other revenue-generating activities.

"Recently, the task force has identified approximately 600 potential wastewater cus-

tomers with additional cases planned to be investigated. Revenue enhancement activities include but are not limited to, identifying all actual water and sewer users and bill accordingly," CUC stated.

It added that those required by law to discharge their wastewater into public sewers and well owners who are discharging into CUC sewers are currently

being identified. CUC said these customers will be metered and billed for their usage.

CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae yesterday told *Saipan Tribune* that the agency intends to apply for an EPA grant in order to address the problem.

He confirmed the number of potential illegal connections to CUC's main sewer system.

"CUC has estimated that as many as 600 customers may reside within 200 feet of an existing CUC sewer main and are not currently connected to the CUC sewer system, but rather are on individual septic tank or drainfield type wastewater treatment and disposal systems," said Malae yesterday.

He explained that the cost of connecting a private build-

to persecute," Priest said.

DeLay was briefly taken into custody, but Priest granted a request from his attorneys that he be released on a \$10,000 bond pending appeal. About three hours after he was sentenced, DeLay posted bond and walked out of the county jail without talking to reporters.

DeLay's attorney Dick DeGuerin said he expected the conviction would be overturned.

"If I told you what I thought, I'd get sued," DeGuerin said. "This will not stand."

The former congressman had faced up to life in prison. His at-

torneys asked for probation.

"What we feel is that justice was served," lead prosecutor Gary Cobb said.

During his closing argument, Cobb told Priest that if DeLay received only probation, the ex-lawmaker would use such a sentence to make himself a martyr for his political beliefs and that he would "wear probation like Jesus on the cross."

"He put his principles, ideals and beliefs above the laws of Texas," Cobb said.

Priest issued his ruling after a brief sentencing hearing on Monday in which former U.S.

owners with connecting their building sewer to the CUC sewer," he added.

CUC's wastewater division projects to earn \$4.1 million this fiscal year—significantly higher than what CUC projected for 2010, which is \$2.3 million. The agency predicts that wastewater revenue may even go up to \$5.4 million in fiscal year 2012.

## TOM

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commit money laundering for using a political action committee to illegally send corporate donations to Texas House candidates in 2002.

Prosecutors said DeLay will likely be free for months or even years as his appeal makes it through the Texas court system.

Before being sentenced, DeLay repeated his longstanding claims that he did nothing wrong, the prosecution was politically motivated and that he

never intended to break the law. DeLay was convicted in Travis County, one of the most Democratic counties in Texas, which is one of the most Republican states in the country.

"I can't be remorseful for something I don't think I did," DeLay said in a 10-minute speech to the judge.

DeLay told Senior Judge Pat Priest the "selective prosecution" he's gone through has deeply affected his wife's health, forced him to raise and spend \$10 million in legal fees and cost him everything he has worked for—including the second-highest post

in the U.S. House.

"This criminalization of politics is very dangerous. It's dangerous to our system. Just because somebody disagrees with you they got to put you in jail, bankrupt you, destroy your family," he said.

Priest sentenced him to the three-year term on the conspiracy charge. He also sentenced him to five years in prison on the money laundering charge but allowed DeLay to serve 10 years of probation instead of more prison time.

"I do not agree that the Travis County District Attorney's Office has picked on Tom DeLay

House Speaker Dennis Hastert testified on DeLay's behalf.

Prosecutors attempted to present only one witness at the hearing, Peter Cloeren, a Southeast Texas businessman who claimed DeLay had urged him in 1996 to evade campaign finance laws in a separate case. Prosecutors said the case was similar to the one DeLay was being sentenced for.

But not long after Cloeren began testifying, Senior Judge Pat Priest declined to hear the testimony, saying prosecutors couldn't prove the businessman's claims beyond a reasonable doubt.



# BMV supervisor, 4 others indicted in driver's license scam

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The Immigration and Customs Enforcement's investigation into an alleged driver's license scam at the Department of Public Safety has resulted in the indictment of five persons, including a supervisor at the police department's Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

BMV employee William A. Hocog, Mohammad Jahangir Miah, Tahira Dolores S. Miah, Hongmei Sun, and Hui Qiang Yan were indicted in federal court on Monday.

The indictment charged Hocog with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document, four counts of unlawful production of an identification document, and four counts of unlawful transfer of an identification document.

Hocog is the supervisor at BMV's Records and Firearms

Section. He is expected to appear at a hearing tomorrow, Thursday.

Jahangir Miah, owner of an auto shop in As Lito, was charged with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document, two counts of unlawful production of an identification document, and two counts of unlawful transfer of an identification document.

Tahira Miah was charged with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document, one count of unlawful production of an identification document, and one count of unlawful transfer of an identification document. Her hearing is set today, Wednesday.

Jahangir and Tahira Miah are married. The U.S. government filed separate complaints in federal court against the couple last month on the same allegations.

Sun was charged with one count of conspiracy to unlaw-

fully produce and transfer an identification document, two counts of unlawful production of an identification card, and two counts of unlawful transfer of an identification document.

Sun was first brought to the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday afternoon after a criminal complaint was filed against her. Sun was again taken to court yesterday for a detention hearing, accompanied by court-appointed counsel Robert Torres. She pleaded not guilty.

Yan was charged with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document, one count of unlawful production of an identification document, and one count of unlawful transfer of an identification document. Yan's court appearance date has yet to be known.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk W. Schuler asked the court to

forfeit a total of \$960 in proceeds received by the suspects on April 16, May 14, and June 18, 2010.

Schuler stated in the indictment that from April 16 to June 18, 2010, Hocog and the four co-defendants conspired to unlawfully produce and transfer CNMI driver's licenses.

Sun and Yan introduced foreign nationals as driver's license applicants to the Miah couple in order for the applicants to obtain a driver's license unlawfully with the help of Hocog, a BMV employee.

The suspects required each applicant to present a paper copy of the applicant's foreign

passport. One or more suspects then used the passport copy to fill out a BMV driver's license application and present the application to Hocog.

Hocog used the information from the passport copy and driver's license application to have the necessary biometric information typed onto a BMV index card.

Hocog arranged for the applicant to sign the index card and take a driver's license photograph at the BMV, in order to produce the driver's license and transfer the license to the applicant at the BMV.

The suspects produced and transferred at least three driver's

licenses to three foreign nationals in exchange for money.

The applicants were each required to pay an amount between \$230 and \$400 directly to Sun or Yan in order to receive the driver's license.

The licenses issued to the three applicants indicated that the driver's licenses were "renewals" and that the applicants had previously received driver's licenses in the CNMI.

In fact, the indictment alleged that the applicants had never presented any existing driver's license to any defendant, nor had any previous CNMI driver's license been issued to any of them.

## MMAC gears up for 2011 march

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REPORTER

The 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee is gearing up for new activities lined up before the largest annual fundraising event for cancer programs every May.

MMAC provides an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, cancer victims and their families as well as raise money and awareness for all those affected by the disease.

The annual event is led by the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a nonprofit, non-government cancer support organization established in 2003 to serve as the liaison for cancer matters in the CNMI, engage in cancer awareness and education, and provide patient and survivor

support and services.

"We have a number of activities. Primarily, our role is help support a number of teams in doing the fundraising," committee chair Dave B. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Guerrero disclosed that the Transportation Security Administration, which has been a staunch supporter of the MMAC event, will hold a golf tournament in March to raise more funds for use in various outreach and advocacy programs.


Guerrero added that they also plan to hold the "Find a Cure for Cancer" scavenger event in April all the way until the MMAC event in May 13 to 14.

In addition, Guerrero said they also plan to promote all activities in their website to generate more

interest in the community.

Yesterday, TakeCare/FHP became this year's first title sponsor after presenting a check donation worth \$3,500 to committee members yesterday.

Guerrero urged community members to show their support for the annual event. For more information, contact him at 989-2496 or email dguerrero@moneyconcepts.com.



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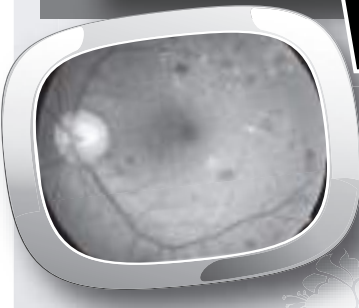
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# New local law gives \$16,000 to 28 Tinian patients for 5 months

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed into local law yesterday a measure appropriating \$16,000 for the monthly subsistence allowance of 28 patients from Tinian.

Rep. Trenton Conner's (R-Tinian), author of Tinian Local Bill 17-28, Draft 1, which became Tinian Local Law 17-4, said the \$16,000 covers the monthly subsistence allowance of these patients for five months—from August to December.

"The last time Tinian patients got a subsistence allowance was in July," Conner told

*Saipan Tribune.*

The \$16,000, which came from the annual license fees collected from poker and pachinko slot machines on Tinian, needs to be divided equally among the 28 Tinian patients.

This means that each Tinian patient gets almost \$571.43 from the local law, or \$114.28 for each of the five months covered by the appropriation.

Conner said the monthly subsistence allowance fluctuates, depending on the amount collected from poker and pachinko slot machine annual license fees. Collections from these fees have seen a decline in years, giving less and

less for the monthly subsistence allowance of patients.

The Tinian patients covered by the subsistence allowance include those on dialysis, and those with cancer, multiple sclerosis, debilitating epilepsy seizure disorder, dermatomyositis, as well as post cerebrovascular accident patients. They are mostly on Saipan receiving treatment.

"I am happy to know that the acting governor is prioritizing things and I thank him for the expeditious action. Now our sickly can be assisted," Conner said.

The Finance secretary is the expenditure authority for the \$16,000.

Inos' signing of the measure came weeks after it was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation on Dec. 22.

One of the reasons why the delegation, chaired by Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), was not able to act on the appropriations bill was the delayed holding of a House session late last year. Local bills need to appear at least once on a House session agenda before it can be acted on by the local delegation.

## Veto

In other news, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed on Thursday Sen.

Juan Ayuyu's (Ind-Rota) Senate Bill 17-44, House Draft 1 exempting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from the mandatory 1-percent contribution to the Office of the Public Auditor.

Government agencies are mandated to contribute 1 percent of their budget for OPA operations.

"While the intent of this measure is to prevent utility rate hikes, the legislation as drafted will not result in the intended outcome," Fitial said in his veto message to the Legislature.

He said the language of 1 CMC 7831(d) as amended seeks to exempt CUC from con-

tributing "appropriated" funds to OPA.

But Fitial said since CUC does not receive any appropriated funds from the CNMI government, the language in essence fails to exempt CUC from contributing to OPA.

The governor also said the measure would also exempt the Legislature once again from contributing to OPA, which may have been an oversight when the measure passed. This is because Public Law 17-21 or the fiscal year 2011 budget law again subjects the Legislature to the 1-percent contribution to OPA.

## TakeCare/FHP is the first major sponsor for the 2011 MMAC

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Local health care provider TakeCare/FHP is the first to earn the most prestigious level of sponsorship for the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer after making a check donation worth \$3,500 yesterday afternoon.

Supervisor Nora Sablan, along with clinic administrator Rick Schnitzer and clinical nurse manager Rose Grino who were both on island yesterday, presented the check to officers and members of the MMAC committee at the TakeCare/FHP clinic in San Jose.

Schnitzer told Saipan Tribune that TakeCare/FHP has shown its support for the annual activity through the years by being a title sponsor.

According to Schnitzer, being a title sponsor of the MMAC event is their way of giving back to the community.

Schnitzer urged the public not to take their health for granted. "In a heartbeat, a phone call, a car accident, a diagnosis of cancer—your whole life changes. What I want the community to know is, don't take your health for granted. It could be you on the other side of this," he said.

Dave B. Guerrero, 2011 MMAC chair, thanked the management of TakeCare/FHP for becoming their first title sponsor.

"Traditionally, we have sponsors that come in February and this is the first time that we received funds as early as January. This is the momentum we need to encourage other sponsors. Thank



TakeCare/FHP supervisor Nora Sablan, third from right, hands a check donation worth \$3,500 to 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee representatives yesterday afternoon at their clinic in San Jose. From left, Emanuel Borja, clinical nurse manager Rose Grino, clinic administrator Rick Schnitzer, Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Tina Sablan, 2011 MMAC overall chair Dave B. Guerrero, Public Relations Committee chair Chris A. Concepcion, Sablan, Vinycia Sema, and Rachel Roque.

you, FHP, for being committed early in the game," he said.

Guerrero acknowledged the current economic recession in the CNMI, yet remains hopeful that they would be able to exceed last year's cash and in-kind donations amounting to over \$75,000.

"No matter how big our economic challenges are, our community's heart is even bigger... In the end, it's all about helping our community, those affected by cancer," he added.

Commonwealth Cancer As-

sociation program manager Tina Sablan also expressed her appreciation to TakeCare/FHP, noting that the health care provider has been "extremely supportive in our outreach and education efforts."

"If not for good corporate sponsors like them, we will not be able to achieve an event as big as MMAC," she said.

Sablan encouraged the community to support this year's MMAC event. "Let us honor the people in our lives who have won the battle against cancer

and let MMAC bring the community together," she added.

The largest fundraising activity in the CNMI for cancer programs, MMAC gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have lost the fight, and raise money and awareness for all those affected by the disease.

The annual event is the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a nonprofit, non-government cancer support organi-

zation established in 2003 that ensures all funds raised in this event are spent locally to fight the battle against cancer through patient/survivor assistance, outreach and advocacy, and prevention support programs.

For more information or to become a sponsor for the MMAC, contact Dave Guerrero at 989-2496 or CCA at 682-0050.

Cancer survivors and families who wish to participate in the 2011 MMAC may call Nora Sablan at 235-0994 ext. 5820.

## TakeCare/FHP to relocate to Garapan in Feb.

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TakeCare/FHP, which has been providing quality medical and health care services for over 22 years, will soon offer chemotherapy treatment to cancer patients once it moves to its new location next month.

Clinic administrator Rick Schnitzer said yesterday that the relocation of their facility from Oleai Business Center in San Jose to the second floor of TSL Plaza in Garapan is tentatively scheduled on Feb. 3.

"We want to bring in brand new, state-of-the-art facilities and offer chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients in the new location," he said.

According to Schnitzer, TakeCare/FHP has been working on transferring to its new location for about six months now.

He said the process of moving to TSL Plaza is 92 percent complete now.

Schnitzer disclosed that Dr. Arnold Wax, board-certified in internal medicine and medical oncology, will join the highly trained and experienced team of TakeCare/FHP, including three doctors of medicine, one physician's assistant, and one nurse practitioner.

Supervisor Nora Sablan told Saipan Tribune that they decided to relocate after over 15 years at its San Jose location for practical reasons.

"The new clinic will be more convenient since it is closer to the hospital, provides more accessibility, and a lot closer to the tourist district," she explained.

Although contact information will remain the same, Sablan noted that they have yet to finalize their business hours at the new location.

"We're hoping that we're going to extend our business hours," she added.

For more information, call 235-0994 or 0996 to 98.

## Ex-detention guard's new request to delay trial OK'd

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The federal court granted yesterday another request to postpone the jury trial of Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial, a former guard at the Kagman Juvenile Detention Unit who allegedly forced three female wards to engage in sex acts.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Michael W. Mosman vacated Fitial's scheduled Feb. 7 jury trial and reset it to April 18, 2011.

Fitial waived his right to a speedy trial. He and counsel Joseph James Norita Camacho told the court they need more time to prepare.

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that his client has received the first batch of the victim's alleged DNA lab results and that a second set of lab results are expected at the end of January 2011.

"Tyron has asked the court to move the [jury trial] to allow the defense to prepare in light of

these recent DNA lab results," Camacho said.

Fitial's trial was supposed to start on Oct. 12, 2010, but the court reset it to Dec. 6, 2010, at Fitial's request. On Nov. 23, Fitial again asked the court to move the Dec. 6 trial to Feb. 7, 2011.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge WM. Fremming Nielsen approved the request, saying an early trial date would deny Fitial's lawyer enough time to review the case, prepare for trial, and provide effective assis-

tance to the suspect.

Camacho had asked for the trial's postponement to February because they recently received over a hundred new pages of discovery materials from the prosecution. At the time, Camacho was also waiting for some DNA test results.

The 24-year-old Fitial had pleaded not guilty to three charges of deprivation of rights under color of law, and a charge of enticement of a minor.

According to the indict-

ment, on or about October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial kicked and hit an underage female ward at the Kagman Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facility and forced the victim to engage in sex acts.

The offense allegedly resulted in bodily injury, and involved acts of aggravated sex abuse against the minor.

In that same period, Fitial allegedly subjected another minor to coerced sex acts.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Fitial on June 11 after the filing of the original indictment.



# Best wishes, high hopes for Kilili at open house in DC

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's staff marked the occasion of his swearing-in to a second term on Jan. 5, 2011, with an open house that saw the attendance of several guests and constituents.

Among those who showed up for the open house were FSM First Secretary James Naich; Palau Ambassador Hersey Kyota, FSM Ambassador Yosiwo George, U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staffer Allen Stayman and Isaac Edwards, Walter Villagomez, Sabia and her father, Gerald Calvo, Lillian and Keith Reed, and several guests from Guam.

Sablan's nine-person staff, led by chief of staff Bob Schwalbach and office manager Chai Cruz, was early at the office preparing the food, stocking up on beverages, and sprucing up the place to receive guests. By the time the open house officially began at 11:30am, several guests have already dropped by and the stream of visitors never let up until around 5pm.

Ray Dela Cruz, chairman of the Committee-to-elect-Kilili, said he is happy to see Sablan back for his second term in Congress because "continuity in

Washington is very crucial."

"We know that he can do the job. We welcome him on his second term as a congressman and we all know that he is fit to do the job," said Will Q. Lizama, of Bethesda, Maryland.

Former CNMI government official Frank Taitano, who is now with the Office of Insular Affairs, was also present at the Open House and had this to say: "I just want to say congratulations to Congressman Sablan and hopefully look forward to seeing this new Congress be friendly enough to focus on the needs of the folks in the territories, especially the CNMI. Now that the economy is in a challenging situation, Congress will hopefully be able to pay attention to the needs...of the CNMI folks."

Sablan's wife, Andres, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the entire Commonwealth for sending back her husband to Congress for a second term. "I want to thank the CNMI—Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands—for sending back my husband over here to work for them. Going back there in the chamber, it was really overwhelming. I'm still excited, although this was the second time around."

With her husband being in Washington D.C. most of the time, Andrea admits that it is



Congressman Kilili and his guests pose at the back of the Capitol.

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"it's really hard, being away from your family but we have to make sacrifices."

Sablan himself, when asked about how he feels about his second spin in Congress, said it doesn't feel any different compared to his first time. "I'm here to work and that's what I'll do."



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Congressman Kilili and his guests are joined by Angie P. Borja for a souvenir picture just off the hall of the Rayburn Room, soon after the congressman's ceremonial swearing in.



Left, office manager Chai Cruz arranges the food that would be served to guests during the open house at the office of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan at the Cannon House on Capitol Hill.

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Committee-to-elect-Kilili chair Ray Dela Cruz, left, is joined by Gerald and Vicky Calvo of Rota, center, and their daughter Sabia.



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CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan poses with Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) inside the Hall of Statues, on their way to the ceremonial swearing-in at the Rayburn Room.



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Lillian Reed, right, poses with CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's wife Andrea, center, and daughter Patricia.



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Above, Lillian and Keith Reed flank CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan inside his office at the fourth floor of the Cannon House.



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This huge milestone has been achieved shortly after a cooperation agreement was signed by Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble and Gordon-Gibson after the resolution's approval, whereby the two organisations will work closely with CSI supporting specific Interpol operations in the coming years.

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## Mobile network service disruption in the CNMI

Docomo Pacific experienced two unexpected network-service interruptions this past weekend on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The initial interruption occurred at 2:30am Friday, Jan. 7, with a second interruption occurring at 2:30pm Saturday, Jan. 8. Both outages produced limited coverage of Docomo Pacific's GSM operation on the three islands.

Ongoing restoration of base stations is being facilitated on a site-by-site basis, resulting in a staggered schedule of full recovery. Engineers from Nokia Siemens are also assisting in the optimization of the network.

Docomo Pacific is currently assessing this incident and reviewing the circumstances, which led to this service interruption.

Docomo Pacific extends its sincerest apology to those affected by this service interruption and is particularly appreciative of its customer's and understanding throughout the period of interruptions. **(Docomo)**

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jan. 12, 1999

### Teaching students take apprenticeships

Andrew Borja stepped into the classroom yesterday and ceased being a teaching student—he got a taste of what's it like to be the professional he wants to be. On the first day of his teaching assistantship, a requirement to become a teacher, Borja helped sixth-graders at San Vicente Elementary School with using a computer and reviewed their assignments. "It's really fun and interesting. It brings back a lot of memories," Borja said. Elsewhere, 40 other students under the Teacher Academy Program of the Marianas High School perform similar tasks.

### Contractual staff planned for PSS

The Public School System is planning a major hiring-policy shift by entering into service-contract arrangements to bring down personnel expenses. Acting Fiscal and Budget Officer William Matson said PSS could expect 10-15 percent in savings for personnel cost even if half alone of the PSS employees elect to be hired on service contracts. Under the arrangement, PSS need not pay for the retirement benefits and insurance premiums of employees. "Perhaps in the future, we can all have professional services," said Board of Education Chairwoman Marja Lee Taitano.

Jan. 12, 2000

### Puerto Rico closure within the year pressed

Agitated by the continued operation of the Puerto Rico landfill despite the health risks it poses to the community, a lawmaker yesterday challenged the Tenorio administration and the 12th Legislature to finally close down the dumpsite within the year. "This must be the year that we take the initiative to close down the Puerto Rico dump once and for all," said Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes during the Organizational Session of the 12th Legislature. Mr. Reyes underscored the need to protect the islands' environment and natural resources, citing its importance to the revenue-generating capabilities of both the government and the private sector.

### Gov't asked to retain scholarship program

Despite the depletion of resources and swelling budget deficit it faces, the government may be taken to task to continue providing local college students with generous financial assistance. Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes yesterday urged the government to suspend earlier plans to slash appropriations for the Educational Assistance Program amid the sharp decline in revenues. The government has started looking at the possibility of providing local college students with an alternative education financing program that would allow them to secure guaranteed bank loans to fund school expenses.

Jan. 12, 2001

### Pellegrino sits as new BOE boss

State Board of Education Saipan member Anthony Pellegrino was installed yesterday as the new chair of the policy-making body, a position he has admittedly awaited for the last three years to occupy. Rota member Marja Lee Taitano was also unanimously voted by board officials to assume the vice chair post. The new chair consequently appointed former BOE chair Frances H. Diaz to lead the board's Family Involvement, Headstart, and Federal committee, and former vice chair Roman C. Benavente to spearhead the Capital Improvement Projects Committee. Members Esther Fleming, non public school representative Scott L. Norman, and vice chair Taitano maintained their existing committees, namely, the committees on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Legislature, and Fiscal and Personnel, respectively.

### Senate gives Teno full hand to manage funds

In the wake of their disagreement with the Senate on the budget, the lower house yesterday moved to grant full power to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to manage cash resources of the government for the next nine months. This will supplant passing the FY 2001 budget by both houses, which has remained in deadlock following the failure to reach a compromise on how to divide the \$221.66 million estimated revenues for this year. The House adopted HJR 12-17 at the start of its regular sessions yesterday that will provide full reprogramming authority to the governor to distribute the money among various departments and agencies, dashing hopes by the Senate to resume the budget talks. Further discussions would only prove futile, according to House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Antonio M. Camacho, citing differences on key appropriation items in the proposed spending measure.



Northern Marianas College

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Updated Dec. 23, 2010

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Applicants should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and references. **The target date for applications is January 15, 2011** - Please submit application immediately. Complete application packages and documents may be sent electronically to [searches@acct.org](mailto:searches@acct.org) and a paper copy must also be mailed to:

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# NMC TRiO students participate in photo essay contest

Students from the Northern Marianas College's federal TRiO Upward Bound program recently competed in the TRiO Quest Photo Essay 2010 competition in which three students' submissions made it to the quarter- and semifinals.

The competition was open to all participants in any of the federal TRiO programs. The TRiO

programs at NMC serve as educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The College hosts the Educational Talent Search program, as well as the Upward Bound program.

The participating students were from various public high schools, including Saipan

Southern High School, Marianas High School, Kagman High School, and Rota High School. Each student submitted a photo they had taken accompanied with an original work of prose, or poetry.

"The concept of the TRiO Quest contests is to emphasize educational uses of the Web and promote critical thinking, intel-

lectual honesty and proper citation skills," said NMC Upward Bound program director Marian Tudela. "The students can also use this experience to add to their high school resumes when applying to college."

The students that participated in the competition were Clayton Aguon, Ezra Caro, Renzie Cunanan, Ray Mark Denora,

Magdalena Lisua, Alodia Lumasag, Jonah Mendiola, Elizabeth Moded, Amanda Santos, Dan Tumaquip, Kimiko Wally, and Allison Palattao.

Some student entries also made it to the competition finals. Jack Kileleman, SSHS sophomore, made it to the quarterfinals with his entry titled "Heavenly Sky." Rota High

School junior, Mariah Barcinas, also made it to the quarterfinals with her entry "Rota." Another RHS student and senior, Katelyn Alpino, made it to the semifinals with her entry titled "The American Flag."

All the students were recently awarded certificates of appreciation for their participation in the competition. (NMC)

## Spring 2011 CACP Scholarship deadline this Friday

The College Access Challenge Project is currently accepting applications for its CACP 2010-2011 Scholarship Program, which awards up to \$1,200 per semester to high school juniors, seniors, and first-year college students with low-income backgrounds.

The CACP program is an outreach program designed to assist students with low-income backgrounds enter and succeed in college by offering support

services and financial aid.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist recipients with the costs associated with college enrollment. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must:

Be a high school junior, senior, or a first-year college student (having no more than 30 credits).

Be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S., which includes citizens of the U.S. Freely Associated States of Micronesia.

Demonstrate eligibility for

the federal PELL grant.

Be admitted to and enrolled as a student at the Northern Marianas College, or another U.S. accredited post secondary institution.

Application forms, along with supporting documentation, for the CACP scholarship must be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, to the NMC Financial Aid Office (Building N, Room 2) or postmarked on or before

the due date to ensure eligibility and priority to receive an award. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

The CACP Scholarship is made possible through financial support from the College Access Challenge Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 234-5498 ext. 1527 or visit [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 7th birthday to Jeremiah "JBOY" Diaz, who is celebrating his special day today, Jan. 12, 2011! We wish you good health and may you continue to be a good boy in school and most especially being the kuya of Ayanna and Naomi! May you have many, many more birthdays to come! God bless! Greetings come from Queen Anne, Daphne, Rylee, Keeno and Louis.



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Happy 10th birthday to Asher Marcco! May God bless you! With much love, from the Bansil family.



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Cervical Cancer Awareness Month activities this week

The Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Committee invites the community to join in on the following activities this week:

Cervical Cancer Awareness Walk today, Jan. 12, at Oleai Beach starting at 4:30pm;

Celebrity Bagging & Healthy Food Demonstration on Saturday, Jan. 15, at Super Fresh and Joteten, 3pm-5pm. Pick up some information about cervical cancer prevention and screening, sample a tasty and nutritious dish prepared by our NMC CREES partners, and get the recipe too!

For more information about Cervical Cancer Awareness activities this month, or to find out how you can get involved, contact Kim Sablan of the DPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 236-8728. (PR)

### Cancer survivors, caregivers support meeting today

Cancer survivors and caregivers of cancer survivors are invited to a support meeting today, Jan. 12, 2011 at the Hyatt Chamolinian Room, starting at 5:30pm.

This month's support meeting will feature a presentation by licensed marriage and family therapist Patty Murphy, M.A., on creating health by

reducing stress and nurturing supportive relationships. Murphy has practiced marriage and family therapy for more than 35 years, including nearly 10 years in the CNMI in both private practice and at the Community Guidance Center. She is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, and one of her specialties includes counseling individuals, couples, and families affected by chronic illness. Murphy's presentation will be followed by discussions in two groups: survivors and caregivers.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or [cca@ccamarianas.org](mailto:cca@ccamarianas.org), or the DPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 236-8728. (PR)

### Groundbreaking ceremony for new Naval Hospital Guam

APRA HARBOR, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, Naval Hospital Guam and Navy Medicine West will host a groundbreaking ceremony aboard Naval Hospital Guam installation, Friday, Jan. 14 at 10am, to celebrate the start of construction for the new hospital.

The \$158 million firm-fixed price contract was awarded September 2010 to Watts Webcor Obayashi A JV of Honolulu, Hawaii. Work will be

phased so the existing hospital remains operational during construction and the new hospital will be operational before demolition. Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2014. (USN)

### KagES PTA meeting today

This is to inform all the parents and guardians of Kagman Elementary School students that here will be a PTA meeting today, Jan. 12, 2011, at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. All parents and guardians are highly encouraged to attend the PTA meeting. Your participation and parental involvement is greatly appreciated. (PR)

### John Gonzales LIVE schedule

John Gonzales LIVE airs Wednesday (Jan. 12) and rebroadcast on Sunday (Jan. 16) and Monday (Jan. 17), from 7-8 pm on Channel 2. Text 285-META (6382), email [johngonzales@pticom.com](mailto:johngonzales@pticom.com), or call 287-4230 for your question or comment.

Topic: Open Ocean Cage Culture (OCCC), NMC-CREES' and WestPac's role in a possible development of OCCC in the CNMI, and the upcoming 2011 OCCC Symposium

Guests: Michael Ogo (CREES), Jack Ogomoro (WestPac), and representative of CNMI Aquaculture Producers Association

### CUC phone lines on the blink

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is currently experiencing technical problems with its main telephone lines (235-7025 through 235-7032). The power supply serving the main telephone system has malfunctioned, causing the system to shut down. The system vendor is currently working on correcting the problem. The CUC Trouble Desk telephone lines 235-0282/2282 are unaffected. We apologize for any inconvenience that this problem may cause. (CUC)

### NMC registration schedule

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's spring 2011 semester will be ongoing this week until Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011.

- Jan. 10: Registration for students with PC #000000100 through 000010350
- Jan. 11: Registration for students with PC #000010351 through 000013150
- Jan. 12: Registration for students with PC #000013151 through 000014950
- Jan. 13: Registration for all new, ongoing, and readmitted students
- Jan. 14: Registration for all new, ongoing, and readmitted students
- Jan. 15: Late Registration

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## EDITORIAL

### Politics and vitriol

*"I have never stooped, my friends, nor will I now stoop, to the kind of vicious falsehoods, mud-slinging, and personal vilification indulged in by my opponent and his Commie pals."*

—Cartoon caption, The New Yorker, 1956

On Saturday and Sunday, the shootings in Tucson, Ariz., demanded two urgent responses: Doctors needed to repair the injured. And law officers needed to learn whether the shooter had accomplices.

But as fresh news reports continued to erupt on the Internet, whole armies of commenters responded to a different imperative—a bipartisan yearning to lay blame and score points. Examples: Some commenters seized on accounts by longtime acquaintances of the suspect that he was a political “liberal”; other commenters blamed conservative talk radio for inciting him to violence.

Maybe we’ll someday learn what those commenters pretended to know: that the Tucson assailant had a political motive. As if that discovery would teach us about anything more profound than one man’s demons: The now-known story of his disjointed life suggests no more cohesive rationale than deep personal disturbance.

We’re dubious about the accusation—voiced often by TV’s chattering class—that vitriol today plays an unprecedented, or even exceptional, role in the body politic. The notion that ours is an especially nasty era is self-centered: Our history brims with strident and spiteful speech of virtually every persuasion in pamphlets, newspapers, rallies, broadcasts and, of late, the Internet. Every age has extremists: Today’s older Americans recall the harsh, even hateful blather of Father Charles Coughlin during the 1930s. His radio rants for—and later against—the New Deal captivated more than 30 million fanatical listeners each week.

Most people can handle muscular speech just fine, and Americans will never dilute their discourse to sedate the few who can’t. We all tend to see hot-headed expression as the other side’s problem.

This is, though, a moment to remind ourselves that living in a free society burdens us with a constant duty to calibrate our political attacks. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., was right Sunday in saying on CNN that, during the fall campaigns, a much-circulated conservative appeal, with cross hairs on congressional districts, crossed a line. He might have added that supporters of both candidates in the race for Illinois’ other Senate seat debased it into what numerous pundits called the ugliest in the nation.

The point isn’t to quash free speech. It’s to ceaselessly attempt to balance robustness with civility, passion with restraint.

That mission, by the way, falls to every one of us—not just to those other people, over there, blinded by their foolish ideology to what’s obviously true.

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## Reject poisonous political rhetoric

Repudiating violent assault as a metaphor for political change is a fundamental response to the mayhem in Arizona.

Exploiting anger and frustration with images of fire-arms and violence as a credible political alternative is despicable.

This terrible tragedy calls for a loud, broad rejection by ordinary voters of these poisonous tactics. Our collective silence risks severe damage to our democracy.

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## Casino Jack, Mark, Tom and Barry

Barry Hirshbein of the CNMI Department of Labor writes ex-officio an excoriating indictment (<http://www.saipan-tribune.com/newsstory.aspx?newsID=106035&cat=15>) of the alleged inability of federal offices to ensure an orderly transition from Commonwealth to federal governance on labor and immigration as provided by law. The inter-office animosity still shows, though Barry’s reference to the Ombudsman’s advice to contract workers to ignore any further dealings with the local CNMI labor office (as well as their observed civility in public) does not reveal any personal hostility, but raises the question of how the advice might have assisted in the absence of an “orderly transition.”

We note this on the day Uncle Ben’s pal Tom Delay the Hammer finally get a “lenient” three-year sentence to the slammer. He might not serve time. The U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling that makes corporations “people” has rendered the field, at best, messy. I have a friend who lives in Sugarland, Texas where ex-U.S. congressman Delay and infamous Enron founder Ken Lay reside so I have gotten more than a cursory acquaintance of the duo. The sentencing of unrepentant recent dancer Delay (out on bail on appeal) follows publicly repentant former CNMI DOLI secretary Mark Zachares’ lenient sentence in November in the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. to 12 weekends in jail, four years probation, 200 hours community service and a \$4,000 fine. (Note to Ed Propst: CNMI judiciary has no monopoly on leniency.)

Of course, we’ve all been observers of the unfolding infamy of our multimillionaire lobbyist Jack Abramoff. He even merited a blockbuster Golden Globe nominated movie *Casino Jack* with no less than Academy Award winner Kevin Spacey playing in what has been described as the height of his cinematic achievement, the lead role of our celebrated felon. (An aside re customer service. Not anticipating that the movie will be at our theatre soon, I called Hollywood Video to inquire if they have a DVD copy. The 233# was unhelpful, phone reply would not even identify the place. The 288# was worst, dismissive with “can you call later?” The DVD is, however, on order and might be on island “next month.”)

Now back to Barry’s federal and Commonwealth (national v. state) issue. The juxtaposition in the United States is a dialectical conflict to be perennially resolved. This is understandable. Our heritage with the Brits is one of contradictory dualism, of checks and balances. The Magna Carta was an attempt to curtail the powers of the sovereign before it promoted the prerogatives of the landed Lords. The House of Lords and House of Commons will always be adversarial. Though popularly conceived in terms of Lincoln’s definition, *a government of the people, by the people, and for the people*, our laws are designed to limit the power of government, and secondarily, like the Bill of Rights, a mandate of what protections are accorded citizens.

Europeans culturally think *sic et non*, so my university professors

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began definitions with “what it is not” before delving into “what it is.” The Ten Commandments begin with “Thou shalt not” before engaging into “Thou shalt.” The U.S. Constitution defines what government will not do, as opposed to the Mandela South African Constitution, which focuses on what it will do.

The Republican Party traditionally holds a “less government” and “more people initiative” perspective. It was Republican Lincoln who popularized the image of participatory democracy in the aforementioned quote, something that is traditionally the position of the Democratic Party—more government promotes people’s participation and protects people’s rights.

In the CNMI, the judgment of less government at the local level is universal, not just for reverse reasons of entitlement and ineffective service delivery but also because we have turned governance as employment privilege of the electorate rather than as a body to promote order and public service.

The Skinners’ (Tim and Jenny) Law Office got me up to speed on the CNMI’s behavior on labor and immigration. Mark Zachares assisted in creating a student visa category that allowed three Euc-on nursing students to transfer to NMC. Still, we knew of Mark’s reputation regarding treatment of garment workers. The Abramoff-Delay-Zachares drama (*Casino Jack* is billed as a drama/thriller) is now in the public domain and we are now clear that governance by manipulative and arrogantly confident people was not what Republican Lincoln had in mind.

Barry is a Vietnam vet, and since I belong to a network of pro-and-con teachers of the Vietnam conflict who collaborate in bringing clarity and healing to the nation, particularly through the Vietnam War Memorial Foundation, we’ve had occasion to work together to bring exposure to 6th graders on the ’60/’70s conflict in our geographical neighborhood. We do not cast aspersions of misguided intent behind his letter. We do see that in this case, less government, both at the CNMI and federal levels, in labor and immigration governance, meets the need of the time. The “umbrella” moratorium is exactly what is needed, and recent knee-jerk convulsions (my slip is showing) from DOL hardly help an intentionally chaotic and undefined situation.

Meanwhile, can someone lend me their *Casino Jack* DVD?



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## Governance takes stock, critically

**G**overnance is reading, measuring, and weighing in earnest the deepening fiscal disaster in paradise. It has also expressed its sentiments, razor sharp and uncomfortable as they may be, with real time clarity of fear, frustration, and anxiety that is now in every household in the Northern Marianas community.

The commentaries deal with pointed views of “business as usual” among the ruling majority. This good old habit only hardens wasteful spending in perpetuity, though skillfully submerged in silence. If they ever decide to fix the self-inflicted mess, it would be symbolic at best, faithfully reciting the old adage, “After all is said and done, a lot more is said than done.” They call it public service.

It forces a question upon leadership: When would you stop wasteful deficit spending that has piled up to some \$16 million over the last year? This doesn’t include how much is owed the Fund, vendors, court decrees, land compensation, utility bills, and scaffolding fuel cost for CUC. I am sure it’s closer to a billion dollars, right? Isn’t the inability to scrounge sufficient funds for paydays a definite indication that unbridled or deficit spending must end? What other economic indicator is needed to jolt the boys to their senses?

Furthermore, the CNMI Constitution provides for the retirement of deficits after two years of any new administration. Was this undertaken to slam the brakes on more unbridled and unauthorized expenditure of public funds? If not, why wasn’t it implemented as mandated by the sacred law of the land? Why spend money that isn’t legally budgeted for? Was it woefully hard to stanch your insatiable appetite to stop spending beyond your means? Is it justice to pass your inadequacies to our children? Or did we engage in kiting NMI funds in the bank to get us through another payday? Isn’t this illegal?

Occasionally, I would retreat with the notion that perhaps I’ve set the bar on self-government a bit too high. It involves the exercise of strengthening our democratic institutions. One such exercise is to limit expenditure to the letter of the law and what’s legally authorized. But collective leadership has dilly-dallied with it as

though time and resources are in their palms. Gee, I didn’t know we could revel with unbridled spending by extending Christmas beyond New Year’s.

And so the boys have taken a quick detour to sing, “Daddy’s Home.” This abandonment ought to meet U.S. House Speaker John Boehner with pleasantry. But would conservative deficit hawks change their agenda to accommodate our search for earmarks because we have a new Republican governor? Or is it more miscalculated local political punditry that dies instantly in the ring of fire? Would they support our bloated public payroll when state governments have been told to go figure?

Reportedly, the reunion would take place next month. Covenant troops would surrender their hard-earned brand of politics called victory for the grand opportunity to become GOP lackeys. Never mind the question of personal integrity. Political prostituting is now the order of business. This obviates the question: Would Speaker Lang rejoin the Democratic Party?

Governance is keeping a watchful eye, critically treading deadly magma from a volcanic eruption that turns everything into ashes. Someday, in the near term, when paradise turns into an unemployment wasteland in historic fashion, I would review what else did we do wrong. But go ahead and intone, “Daddy’s Home.” While at it, ask him simple questions on integrity and would there be goodies this Christmas.

### Dancing to ‘La Isla Bonita’

“La Isla Bonita” was the latest SOCA that dribbled heavy decibels into my eardrums. It’s a samba piece describing paradise in dystopia or where nothing works. Skip “disarray” and stick to “disastrous.” It fits the bill best when mirrored critically against impending increases in fuel and basic needs. This is accompanied by the steady reduction in revenue generation.

You measure the erratic effects and assaults of impending fuel cost increases. It would domino into more of an already reduced

successfully tackle any challenge, seemed to sink into the dirty waters of New Orleans.

The decade of the 2000s, if that’s what we call it, tried to permanently change America’s image of itself. For once, the irrepressible optimism of the American people, one of the most attractive and defining traits of this nation, nearly came undone. It wasn’t just the two wars that wouldn’t end, let alone end in victory. It wasn’t just the shameful aftermath of Katrina, with its searing images of desperate Americans waving their arms from the rooftops.

This was the decade that brought the Asian tsunami and the Haiti earthquake, when the earth lashed out, killing at least half a million people in just two quick seismic shudders.

As if we needed more, a financial tidal wave threatened to wash away our collective economic future. The world held on tight to avoid a repeat of the 1930s, but people by the millions lost their homes, jobs and savings.

It’s no wonder that the country, the planet, was eager for a messiah. But seriously, who could have predicted that, seemingly out of nowhere, a young politician from Hawaii and Chicago would soar across the political firmament, capturing the imaginations not only of America but of much of the world? Who knew that the United States was about to elect its first black president?

What a decade!

Which brings us back to where we stand today, trying to build back from a broken economy, a couple of very old wars and a terrorist threat from a radical Islamic ideology that could go a long way in shaping what the next decade will bring, just as it did in the one just ended.

That’s because as unexpected as the events of the last 10 years felt, their seeds had been sown long before. Violent religious extremism, flawed financial practices and regulations, bad planning for natural disasters, they were all there in the 1990s. And just as we can’t predict with precision what the coming years will bring, there is little doubt that what will happen in the years ahead has already

more of waiting plus a \$700 medical bill, even if you have insurance. Many of the people who use medical marijuana use it as a cheap painkiller for cancer or injuries. People are using medical marijuana because they feel abandoned by both insurance companies and the medical system. Marijuana is actually cheaper than the prescription medicine anyway. Saipan should legalize medical marijuana.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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family income for utility surcharge, fuel at the pumps, cost of food and other imported basic goods. I could see governance cringing with helplessness as they search for answers that aren’t forthcoming anytime soon. It would bring them into real focus when more folks lose their first family homes, cars and family assets.

Attempts to fix this mess prompted a meeting of Republicans at the World Resort last week. The boys went in with newspapers in hand as though to shield a hidden agenda. Five hours later they came out declaring that the governor is a Republican, again.

They went into the room threatening to resolve substantive economic issues. It raised some hope for real answers. They came out skirting questions of substance but brave enough to admit it was all political gobbledygook. It drained all hopes of realistic problem solving. The pensive answers confirm that they’re still suffering heavily from political immaturity, specifically, the honest institution of self-government.

I tried braving traditional and modern navigational methods. But I wasn’t making any headway conceptualizing the divergent concepts. It made matters worse when the chief navigator asserted that it was another navigator who missed the harbor here for five consecutive years. Unsettling the sterling performance of turning La Isla Bonita into the hellish hole of our people. When can the new majority fix the mess created by its new recruit? A deafening query, indeed!

## A decade full of surprises

**N**ow that the end-of-year distractions have come and gone, most people have re-entered daily life, perhaps expecting normalcy to return. How deluded we are!

This year, 2011, marks the beginning of a brand new decade. If you think only predictable events lie ahead, take a deep breath and look back at what the just-ended decennium held in store. Then think back, remembering yourself, all of us, as we celebrated the start of a new decade 10 years ago.

Weren’t we all quaintly naive?

If anyone had predicted that men blinded by religious zealotry would crash passenger planes into tall buildings, even smash into the Pentagon, presumably one of the best defended structures in America, we would have thought the one making the prediction had spent too much time playing video games. And that day, now known as 9/11, was just the opening act of what turned out to be a most extraordinary 10 years.

The first decade of the 21st century managed to surprise us at every turn. And most of the surprises were not pleasant.

By Sept. 12, 2001, we had a pretty good idea that history had taken a sharp turn. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and efforts to prevent more terrorist attacks became an ever-present backdrop on the stage where a tempestuous chapter in history unfolded before an anxious world. It became a Code Yellow decade, when air travel lost its easy glamour and gruesome terrorist attacks left thousands dead from London and Madrid to Istanbul and Bali, with Iraq becoming the scene of the most wrenching carnage anywhere, threatening to tear itself to pieces.

The Pew Research Center for People and the Press tracked the stories that drew the most attention for the 10 years just ended. You know which one tops the list. After 9/11 comes another tragedy that changed the way we look at America. It wasn’t Hurricane Katrina that made our hearts contract in anguish. No, it was what came afterwards. That’s when the image of a competent America, ready to

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started quietly unfolding.

In places like Iran, Pakistan and Lebanon, Wall Street, Palo Alto, and Beijing, Washington and Wasilla and Salt Lake, the people who will shape our future in this new decade are already hard at work.

## REJECT

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The motives behind Saturday’s murderous assault on U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 19 others are being determined, but a public figure who had been the target of disturbingly casual violent language is in the hospital with a grievous head wound.

Six people were killed, including a senior federal judge, and a 9-year-old girl. Everyone is vulnerable in a poisonous atmosphere.

Words matter. If not, the language, expressions and verbal cues would not be employed by those who use them so purposefully. Code words with a hostile intent.

Innocent bystanders become targets as the shooting outside a Tucson grocery store so lethally demonstrated. One cannot anticipate how high-caliber heinous vitriol will be translated by extreme and disturbed elements, but that is no excuse to dismiss such talk as colorful rhetoric.

Expect a furious parsing of the Internet for wretched excess across the political spectrum. Vigorous attempts to shift blame and further distract public discourse from pressing economic and political issues.

Indeed, politicians who invest their resources in violent imagery avoid dealing with the national deficit, immigration, health care, education and job creation. There is method to their madness.

Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, who is grieving for two close friends, lives in the maelstrom. He is appalled by the anger, violence and bigotry he sees in Arizona and across the country. It is time, said Dupnik, for national soul searching.

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### Letter to the Editor

## Medical marijuana






I heard about the debate over medical marijuana, so I decided to write. I have lost faith in the medical system. I use medical marijuana because it is cheaper and more practical than going to the hospital. Los Angeles has the worst hospital in the entire country. Hospitals in Los Angeles are filthy, overcrowded, and expensive. The doctors are rude, overworked, and sometimes can barely speak English. The nurses can be nasty too and may not speak English very well either. A hospital visit can take up to three hours or



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Yap	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 79
Majuro	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 76

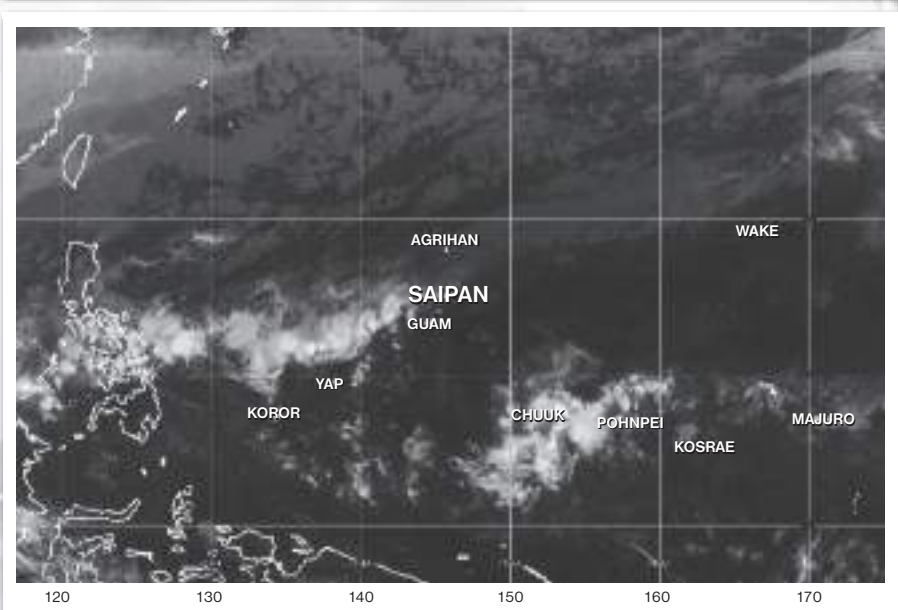
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 65
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 36 ▼ 14
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 45
Honolulu	Rain	▲ 77 ▼ 72
London	Showers	▲ 53 ▼ 51
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 49
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 74
Melbourne	Thunderstorms	▲ 74 ▼ 67
Miami	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 49
New York	Snow	▲ 32 ▼ 20
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 43 ▼ 34
Paris	Showers	▲ 54 ▼ 48
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 40 ▼ 24
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 43
Salem	Rain	▲ 49 ▼ 49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 52
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 28 ▼ 11
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 45 ▼ 34
Washington, DC	Windy	▲ 38 ▼ 26

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet	
6:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet	
12:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
8:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line curves southwestward from 22N160E to just north of Saipan to beyond 130E at 11N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 15N143E to 12N134E otherwise cloudiness and patchy rain are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of this boundary. A trade-wind trough extends northeastward from 1N150E to 7N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within an area bounded by a line from 10N161E to 9N150E to 3N147E to 1N150E back to 10N161E. This area includes Chuuk. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers between 6N and 10N from 158E to beyond 180. This area includes Pohnpei, Kwajalein and Majuro. A surface trough curves northward from 2N141E to 7N139E to 11N141E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are developing east of Yap and Koror within 35 miles of this line.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:46 AM	6:04 PM
Thursday	6:46 AM	6:05 PM
Friday	6:47 AM	6:05 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:06 PM
Sunday	6:47 AM	6:06 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:35 AM	
Thursday	12:13 PM	12:24 AM
Friday	12:55 PM	1:14 AM
Saturday	1:42 PM	2:06 AM
Sunday	2:33 PM	3:01 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	DL286	7:45pm	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50am	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5 Dec 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 only	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7 Dec 12, 16, 19, 23 & 26 only
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ716/603	12:30am	2:20pm	4, 6 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	8:05am	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:25pm	3 via GUM	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:25pm	5 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM-Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; CA: Air China  
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Business

## FHB Foundation donates \$10K to NMTI

**HAGÁTÑA, Guam**—The Northern Marianas Trades Institute has been given a \$10,000 grant by the First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, the charitable arm of First Hawaiian Bank, according to an announcement yesterday by Don Horner, chairman and chief executive officer.

The funds will be used to purchase supplies and equipment for construction trades students at the NMTI.

The \$10,000 donation was presented to NMTI president Anthony Pellegrino by First Hawaiian Bank vice president and area manager Juan Lizama.

"First Hawaiian Bank is proud to be supporting NMTI's efforts in helping our local residents get the training and the skills they need to qualify for higher paying construction jobs," said Laura Dacanay, First Hawaiian Bank's senior vice president and CNMI region manager.

"At NMTI we provide opportunities for individuals to be trained in the fields of plumbing, electrical, painting and masonry and this generous grant from First Hawaiian will go a long way in helping us purchase the tools and



From left, Northern Marianas Trades Institute education director Victorino S. Cepeda, NMTI president Anthony Pellegrino, and First Hawaiian Bank vice president and area manager Juan Lizama.

supplies for our students to succeed," said Pellegrino. "We want to thank First Hawaiian for supporting us in our time of need."

Established in 2008, the NMTI is certified by the National Center for Construction, Education and Research, which

is affiliated with the University of Florida. The NMTI is also closely affiliated with the Guam Contractors Association. Students graduating from NMTI will be able to work in the CNMI, Hawaii, and the U.S. First Hawaiian Bank (fhb.

com) has three branches on Guam and two branches on Saipan. The bank has total assets of over \$14.3 billion. For over 152 years, First Hawaiian has been providing its customers with Service, Solutions, and Security. (PR)

## Toyota's biggest problem: Aging lineup

**DETROIT (AP)**—It would be easy to think Toyota's biggest problem is its damaged reputation caused by sudden acceleration recalls, millions in government fines and massive lawsuits and settlements. But what's hurting the company most is an aging lineup of boring cars.

Over the past decade, Toyota and its U.S. dealers had it easy. Cutting edge design wasn't required because the cars sold themselves on reputation. Everyone knew Toyotas held their value, were safe and got drivers from point A to point B with little drama. Then came the recalls, which called all of that into question.

Ending the year on a low note, Camry sales fell 10 percent in December from a year earlier. Corolla sales plunged 35 percent. Unless things turn around quickly, Camry is in danger of losing its 10-year crown as the nation's top-selling car this year to the Honda Accord.

Ho hum cars are "probably the worst problem for them," says Jessica Caldwell, director of pricing and industry analysis for Edmunds.com. "They always had their (safety) reputation to fall back on, but now that's not the case."



Akio Toyoda, President, Toyota Motor Corporation introduces the Prius V midsize hybrid-electric vehicle at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

CEO Akio Toyoda acknowledges that Toyota is at a design crossroads. He has told dealers several times that he's working to improve Toyota's exterior styling, pushing designers to come up with something more exciting. The company is "intent on making Toyota cars better looking," he told reporters Monday during his first-ever visit to the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

After becoming the world's largest automaker in 2007, Toyota reversed course and resumed giving executives in Japan the

final say on design decisions for the U.S. market. Some question whether that change left Toyota at a disadvantage as Hyundai, Ford and General Motors moved quicker to tailor new designs specifically for U.S. car buyers.

Mike Jackson, CEO of Autonation, the country's largest car dealer network, says that in the past, sedans sold based primarily on their quality, reliability and resale values. Automakers believed "the styling should be conservative enough to not put people off," he said. "I don't think that's the future. Now you

have to differentiate yourself." Company insiders dispute that notion that Toyota is facing anything approaching a design crisis. "Styling is subjective," said Bob Carter, vice president and general manager of the Toyota division. Outsiders may say Toyota cars are boring, but that's the downside of being so popular, he said. "When you see so many of them on the road, they start to look familiar."

The first peek at the next generation of Camry won't come until the New York Auto Show in April. They'll be in showrooms this fall. Early reviews of the next Corolla model were not enthusiastic when it was unveiled at the Los Angeles auto show in November. People at the show couldn't tell it from the 2010 Corolla unless they read a sticker Toyota put on the newer model.

Toyota is focusing most of its attention at the Detroit show on an expanded Prius lineup. The centerpiece is a Prius MPV, a minivan-like car. It's also showing a five-seater that is smaller than the current Prius sedan. It eventually will be sold in the U.S., although the timing is still unclear. And it's bringing a plug-in electric Prius to compete with the Nissan Leaf and Chevy Volt. The minivan goes on sale this summer, and the plug-in will be on sale this spring.

## Communist Laos opens stock market to boost its economy

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Communist Laos opened a modest stock market Tuesday, hoping to attract capital to its largest enterprises and boost the economy of one of the world's poorest nations.

The Lao Securities Exchange is initially offering shares in just two state-owned enterprises—Electricite du Laos Generation Company, the country's major energy company, and the Banque Pour Le Commerce Exterieur Lao, official Lao media said Monday. Foreign participation will be limited.

Lao Star television showed a small opening ceremony at the exchange in the capital of Vientiane.

South Korea's Korea Exchange is investing \$9.8 million, or 49 percent of the venture, most of it for technology systems and training, according to the Seoul-based stock market operator. The Bank of Laos, the country's central bank, is investing \$10.2 million, or 51 percent.

Neighboring Thailand also offered assistance.

"There's a twofold reason. The exchange will allow an alternate source of capital other than banks and allow public participation in the growth of the economy," said Lorraine Tan, director of equities research at Standard & Poor's in Singapore. "A broad capital market will certainly help economic development."

But she said that it would take some time for foreign eq-

uity to flow in. "You just can't do that by opening up a stock market," Tan said.

The Vientiane Times, a state-run newspaper, quoted a securities executive as saying that foreign individuals will be able to buy a maximum of 3 percent of shares issued by EDL while foreign companies and institutions will be able to purchase up to 10 percent.

Hinphet Chanthalsany, deputy director of BCEL-KT Securities, said a number of foreign enterprises, especially Thai power companies, have expressed interest in EDL. He said shares in the company were oversubscribed by foreign investors during the recent initial public offering.

The newspaper said exchange officials say foreign ownership had to be limited to keep the inflow and outflow of foreign currency stable, one of the main drivers of the Lao currency, which is known as the kip.

Foreign investors trading on the Lao exchange must use Lao kip for all transactions.

The Lao government has committed to keeping the value of the kip within a 5 percent range this year. The kip has increased in value against the US dollar in recent years but depreciated against the Thai baht.

The KRX said it is also working to establish the Cambodia Securities Exchange expected to open in July and helped set up the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange in Vietnam.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil hovers above \$89 as traders eye Alaska leak

**SINGAPORE (AP)**—Oil prices hovered above \$89 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as traders eyed repairs on a shutdown Alaskan pipeline that has cut crude production from the biggest U.S. state. Benchmark oil for February delivery rose 1 cents to \$89.24 a barrel midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract climbed \$1.22 to settle at \$89.25 on Monday on news a 800-mile (1,300-kilometer) trans-Alaska pipeline, which normally carries between 620,000 barrels a day, was shut Saturday after a leak was discovered at a North Slope pump station. Oil production on the North Slope was cut by 95 percent.

#### Intel's truce with Nvidia shows industry's shifts

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Intel Corp.'s decision to pay Nvidia Corp. \$1.5 billion for the right to its patents highlights the seismic shifts the semiconductor industry is undergoing. The licensing deal announced Monday comes as both companies are adapting to the new rules of the consumer electronics world, as mobile devices are changing the way chips are made. Intel, dominant in PCs, wants in to smart phones and tablets, and needs better graphics technologies as high-definition video proliferates across the devices. Nvidia, a leader in graphics, wants to challenge Intel on its home turf: the processors that act as the "brains" of computers.

### STOCK PORTFOLIO



### LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,637.45	1,269.80	2,707.80
-37.31	+0.00	+4.63
-0.32%	+0.00%	+0.17%

### EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.0042	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7740	Philippine Peso	44.2100
British Pound	0.6432	Indian Rupee	45.3850	Singapore Dollar	1.2941
Canadian Dollar	0.9935	Indonesian Rupiah	9,022.50	South Korean Won	1,122.300
Chinese Yuan	6.6320	Japanese Yen	83.1488	Swiss Franc	0.9673
Euro	0.7748	Malaysian Ringgit	3.0710	Taiwan Dollar	29.3705
		New Zealand Dollar	1.3162	Thailand Baht	30.3500



## Nation

## Arizona suspect could face death in deadly attack

PHOENIX (AP)—Jared Loughner, head shaved, a cut on his right temple and his hands cuffed, stared vacantly at a packed courtroom Monday and sat down. His attorney, who defended “Unabomber” Ted Kaczynski, whispered to him.

It was the nation’s first look at the 22-year-old loner accused of trying to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

The three-term Democrat lay about a 100 miles away in a Tucson intensive care unit, gravely wounded after being shot through the head but able to give a thumbs-up sign that doctors found as a reason to hope.

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Soften the political tone: that’s been the message from lawmakers from across the nation since a gunman tried to assassinate an Arizona congresswoman and killed six people after posting confusing online rants about his views.

Yet as an image of the suspected shooter emerges, friends and online ramblings paint a picture of a troubled young man whose beliefs are unclear.

Some Democrats have suggested 22-year-old Jared Loughner was motivated by anti-government language from the tea party movement and rabble-rousing rhetoric from conservative figures such as Sarah Palin. The House temporarily postponed the debate over repealing the health care law.

But tea party activists in the state said the man identified as the suspect did not appear on mailing lists and did not appear to have attended any events in the state.

“I don’t think his ideology is anything coherent,” said Trent Humphries, co-founder of the Tucson Tea Party. “I just think he was a very, very disturbed individual.”

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Loughner seemed impassive and at one point stood at a lectern in his beige prison jumpsuit. A U.S. marshal stood guard nearby.

The judge asked if he understood that he could get life in prison—or the death penalty—for killing federal Judge John Roll, one of six who died in the shooting rampage at Giffords’ outdoor meeting with constituents Saturday in Tucson.

“Yes,” he said. His newly appointed lawyer, Judy Clarke, stood beside him as the judge ordered Loughner held without bail.

Throngs of reporters and television news crews lined up outside the federal courthouse, where the hearing was



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This Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 photo released by the Pima County Sheriff’s Office shows shooting suspect Jared Loughner.

moved from Tucson. The entire federal bench there recused itself because Roll was the chief judge.

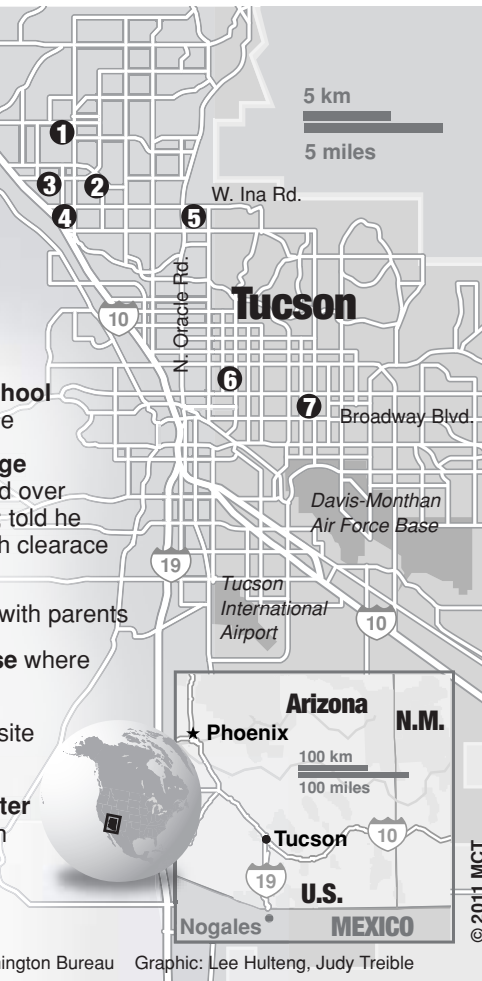
President Barack Obama will travel to Arizona on Wednesday to attend a memorial service for the victims.

Earlier in the day, the nation observed a moment of silence for the victims, from the South Lawn of the White House and the steps of the U.S. Capitol to legislatures beyond Arizona and the

## Suspect’s neighborhood

Where Jared Loughner, the 22-year-old accused of shooting 20 people while trying to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, grew up:

- 1 Mountain View High School  
Dropped out in 11th grade
- 2 Pima Community College (NW campus)  
Suspended over YouTube video he made; told he would need mental health clearance to return
- 3 Suspect’s house  
Lived with parents
- 4 Sportsman’s Warehouse  
where gun was purchased
- 5 Safeway super market  
site of mass shooting
- 6 University Medical Center  
where Giffords was taken after being shot
- 7 Rep. Giffords’ office



Source: Reuters, AP, McClatchy Washington Bureau Graphic: Lee Hulteng, Judy Treible

## After attack, a leadership test for Obama, Boehner

WASHINGTON (AP)—On opposite sides of the political spectrum, President Barack Obama and new House Speaker John Boehner suddenly face the same challenge: rise above the anger, suspicion and hostility of their liberal and conservative bases to help a rattled nation deal with the deadly outburst of violence in Arizona.

But what comes after the easy moment of silence?

For now, both men are stepping past the question of what role, if any, the vitriol of the past election campaign played in Saturday’s shooting rampage that left Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in critical condition and six others dead. Instead, they’re grappling with the high-stakes test the tragedy presents over how to lead the nation going forward.

Obama, the Democratic president halfway through his term, has spoken of his regret for not having raised the level of political discourse in a deeply divided nation. Boehner, the newly installed Republican House speaker, is second in line to the presidency but has yet to shape his role as a national figure.

For both men, the path ahead is perilous, filled with the political risk of alienating parts of the stunned electorate.

The parties’ rank-and-file supporters handle the nuts and bolts of electoral politics—fundraising, door-knocking and the like. But they also are sources of the red-hot rhetoric that inflames passions, with right- and left-leaning talk radio, cable networks and Internet sites their outlets of choice.

Those Republican and Democratic foot soldiers may not appreciate calls from the top to tone it down, though the center of the electorate, detesting ideological warfare and wanting those in Washington to work together, certainly will.

“All of us are still grieving and in shock from the tragedy that took place,” Obama said Monday, calling for healing and sidestepping any potentially divisive issues. He is to travel to Tucson, Ariz., on Wednesday to speak at a memorial service for the victims, the White House said.

“It’s going to be important, I think, for the country as a whole, as well as the people of Arizona, to feel as if we

are speaking directly to our sense of loss, but also speaking to our hopes for the future and how out of this tragedy we can come together as a stronger nation,” Obama said.

How—or whether—to do that is an unsettled question among newly empowered Republicans on Capitol Hill.

Boehner has wide latitude, said former House historian Raymond Smock.

“I think he has the potential to have a very important role in how Congress responds and the public tone that is set,” said Smock, director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies.

For now, Boehner is responding as head of the House, not the leader of just one party. In a conference call over the weekend, he told lawmakers of both parties that an attack on one member of Congress is an attack on all.

“What is critical is that we stand together at this dark time as one body,” he said. “We need to rally around our wounded colleague, the families of the fallen and the people of Arizona’s 8th District. And, frankly, we need to rally around each other.”

planet itself. At the International Space Station, Giffords’ brother-in-law, Scott, the commanding officer, spoke over the radio as flight controllers in Houston fell silent.

“As I look out the window, I see a very beautiful planet that seems very inviting and peaceful,” he said. “Unfortunately, it is not.”

“These days, we are constantly reminded of the unspeakable acts of violence and damage we can inflict upon one another, not just with our actions, but also with our irresponsible words,” he said.

“We’re better than this,” he said. “We must do better.”

On a frigid morning outside the White House, Obama and first lady Michelle Obama stood side by side, each with their hands clasped, heads bowed and eyes closed. On the steps of the U.S. Capitol, congressional staff and other employees did the same.

At the Supreme Court, the justices paused for a moment of silence between the two cases they were hearing Monday morning.

The president called for the country to come together in prayer or reflection for those killed and those fighting to recover.

“In the coming days, we’re going to have a lot of time to reflect,” he said. “Right now the main thing we’re doing is to offer our thoughts and prayers to those who’ve been impacted, making sure we’re joining together and pulling together as a country.”

Later Monday, a moment of silence was held at the BCS national championship between Oregon and Auburn in Glendale.

In total, six died and 14 were injured or wounded outside a supermarket where Giffords set up a booth to hear the concerns of constituents. Loughner was tackled to the ground minutes after the shooting began, authorities said. He has been silent ever since.

A Mass for all the victims was scheduled Tuesday at St. Odelia’s Parish in Tucson.

Among the dead was 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, who was born on the day of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Her funeral is Thursday.

It was unclear when funerals will be held for the other victims, including one of Giffords’ aides.

Loughner is charged with one count of attempted assassination of a member of Congress, two counts of killing an employee of the federal government and two counts of attempting to kill a federal employee. Those are federal charges.



## ACROSS THE NATION

## Southerners struggle to dig out from heavy snow

ATLANTA (AP)—Southerners more accustomed to sunshine than snow began digging out Monday from a wintry blast that stranded drivers and air travelers, cut power to thousands of homes, and even forced Auburn University to cancel viewing parties for the national championship bowl game. Snow ranging from several inches to more than a foot blanketed states from Louisiana to the Carolinas—a region where

many cities have only a handful of snow plows, if any. And more misery was on the way: The snow began turning to freezing rain in numerous areas, threatening to make untreated roads even more treacherous. “If you’re off the main roads, it’s a skating rink,” said Tim Loucks, manager of the Pilot Truck Stop in Haughton, La.

## Suspect in Texas rapes tried to flee before arrest

EDNA, Texas (AP)—A suspected se-

rial rapist who Texas authorities believe may be linked to attacks on a dozen elderly women in the past two years fled from two policemen outside a nursing home and wrestled with them for five minutes before finally being subdued, the officers said Monday. Authorities believe that weekend chase and tussle may have finally nabbed the man known as “The Twilight Rapist”—a suspect who instilled so much fear that older women in one-stoplight towns bought guns to protect themselves, and Gov. Rick Perry

took the rare step of creating a task force to catch him “It’s safe to say he was one of the most wanted men in Texas over the last year and a half,” Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said. “It’s hard to overstate the significance of this arrest.”

## Man says he sent in tapes of disabled sex assault

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The man who sent Los Angeles County detectives graphic video depicting sexual

assaults on disabled women has come forward and spoken with investigators. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said Monday that the man reached out to detectives after seeing coverage of the case on the news. He told investigators that a drug addict had given him a computer to clean its hard drive. The man, who is not suspected of any wrongdoing, was deeply disturbed by videos on the hard drive so he made copies and sent them to the sheriff’s department, along with a note.



# Asia

## 8 dead in new flood as Australia's crisis worsens

**BRISBANE, Australia (AP)**—Rescuers raced Tuesday to reach people trapped on roofs after a flash flood hurled a tsunami-like wall of water through Australia's waterlogged east, tossing cars like toys, killing at least eight people and leaving 72 missing.

The violent surge near the town of Toowoomba after a fresh storm Monday escalated Australia's 2-week-old flood crisis in Queensland state and brought the overall death toll to 18. Until then, the flooding had unfolded slowly as swollen rivers burst their banks and inundated towns while moving downstream toward the ocean.

Emergency services officers plucked more than 40 people from houses isolated overnight by the torrent that hit the Lockyer Valley on Monday. But thunderstorms and more driving rain hampered efforts to send helicopters to help an unknown number of other people still in danger Tuesday.

Thousands were being evacuated from flood-prone areas, and residents in some sections of Brisbane—Australia's third-largest city—were being urged to move to higher ground as water from Toowoomba's flash flooding worked its way toward the coast.

Queensland state Premier Anna Bligh said four children were killed and there were "grave concerns" for at least 11 of the 72 missing. Many



Local residents place sandbags outside their office as the Brisbane river burst its banks to cause widespread flooding in Brisbane, Australia, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011.

of those still stranded or unaccounted for are families and young children, she said.

"This has been a night of extraordinary events," Bligh told reporters. "We've seen acts of extreme bravery and courage from our emergency workers. We know they're out on the front line desperately trying to begin their search and rescue efforts, and we know we have people stranded and people lost."

She said the death toll stood at eight, but that "we expect that figure to rise and potentially

quite dramatically."

Queensland has been in the grip of its worst flooding for more than two weeks, after tropical downpours across a vast area of the state covered an area the size of France and Germany combined. Entire towns have been swamped, more than 200,000 people affected, and coal and farming industries virtually shut down.

"The power of nature can still be a truly frightening power and we've seen that on display in this country," Prime Minister

Julia Gillard said.

Monday's flash flooding struck without warning in Toowoomba, a city of some 90,000 people nestled in mountains 2,300 feet (700 meters) above sea level. Bligh said an intense deluge fell over a concentrated area, sending a 26-foot (eight-meter), fast-moving torrent crashing through Toowoomba and smaller towns further down the valley.

Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson described the events Monday as "an inland instant tsunami, with a massive wall of water that's gone down through the Lockyer Valley."

On Tuesday, the water was still pushing its way downstream, flooding river systems as it moved toward the coast. Thousands were being evacuated from communities in the water's predicted path, and officials closed roads and

highways to some areas at high risk of being inundated. Residents in low-lying regions of the state capital of Brisbane were urged to sandbag their homes and later told to move to higher ground.

"We have a grim and desperate situation," Bligh said. "This took everybody so unawares that there was no opportunity in most cases for people to get to safety."

Rescue workers were battling more bad weather Tuesday. Heavy rain and thunderstorms were forecast for the region for most of the day, which could lead to more flash flooding, the Bureau of Meteorology warned.

Deputy Police Commissioner Ian Stewart said rescue efforts were concentrated on towns downstream of Toowoomba, including hardest-hit Murphy's Creek and Grantham, where about 30 people sought shelter in a school isolated by the floodwaters.

News video from late Monday showed houses submerged to the roof line in raging muddy waters, with people clambering on top. A man, woman and child sat on the roof of their car as waters churned around them with just inches (centimeters) to spare.

Among the dead were a mother and her two children whose car was swept away in the floodwaters, Bligh said. Two other children also were killed, she said.

In Toowoomba, the waters disappeared almost as fast as they arrived, leaving debris strewn throughout downtown and cars piled atop one another.

The flooding in recent weeks has cut roads and rail lines across Queensland, the state's coal industry has been virtually shut down, and cattle ranching and farming across a large part of the state are at a standstill.

## Cold wave kills 9 more people in northern India

**LUCKNOW, India (AP)**—Cold weather killed nine homeless people in India overnight Tuesday, bringing the death toll from three weeks of frigid winds and near-freezing temperatures to 116.

Police say the worst-hit state is Uttar Pradesh where about 90 people, mostly poor and homeless, have died during the cold spell sweeping northern India.

At least nine more people died overnight, police spokesman Surendra Srivastav said. Ten people have died in neighboring Bihar state, 10 in the Indian capital New Delhi, and six in Jharkhand state since late December.

Dense fog affected railway schedules as more than 30 trains were canceled in Uttar Pradesh. Almost all flights from the main airport in the state capital Luc-

know were halted.

Uttar Pradesh is one of India's poorest states and nearly a fifth of its 180 million people are homeless, according to state government statistics.

The state government has arranged for nearly 3,500 bonfires to be lit through the night at major road crossings, railway and bus stations to prevent further deaths from the cold wave. The temperature has dipped below 37 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees Celsius) in parts of Uttar Pradesh.

Schools were ordered closed in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar until the weather improves.

Though India is famous for its brutally hot summers, temperatures fall sharply for a few weeks in December and January. Poor people, particularly those living on the streets, are the worst affected.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Chinese stealth fighter makes first test flight

**BEIJING (AP)**—A leading expert on the Chinese military says the country's prototype stealth fighter has made its first-known test flight. *Kanwa Asian Defense* magazine editor Andrei Chang said the J-20 flew for about 15 minutes over an airfield in the southwestern city of Chengdu where it was spotted carrying out runway tests last week. Photos of the plane in flight were also posted on unofficial Chinese military websites. The test flight comes on the second day of a visit to China by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates. Chang and other analysts say the test's timing is apparently intended to send the message that Beijing is responding to calls from the U.S. and others to be more transparent about its defense modernization and future intentions.

#### Gunmen rob, kill 5 traders in southern Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine officials say two armed men robbed and fatally shot five bedding merchants on the troubled southern island of Basilan. Al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants and other armed groups operate on the island, and community leaders recently have complained of worsening lawlessness. An attack on a store last week killed a man and a five-year old boy, and an ambush a day later wounded a city official, his driver and a 15-year-old girl. Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang, a military spokesman, said two men launched the latest attack in Hadji Muhammad Ajul township Monday. He says the assailants robbed and shot the bed cushion vendors, leaving five dead and one wounded.

#### Philippines to thieves: We want river sensors back

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Disaster officials in the Philippines are appealing to thieves to return two sensors that monitor river levels and volume in an area struck by fatal flooding. Civil Defense Administrator Benito Ramos said Monday the sensors in the northern Philippines were discovered missing after authorities checked why the machines were not sending data. Floods and landslides in the area have killed at least 33 people since last week. Japan donated the sensors to the poorly equipped weather bureau. Authorities suspect the items were stolen because they contain copper, a frequent target of thieves.

## Myanmar parliament set for 1st session in 22 years

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Myanmar's new parliament will hold its first session in 22 years on Jan. 31, state radio said Monday, an event the country's military rulers hail as one of the final steps in its self-styled "roadmap to democracy."

The new legislature dominated by pro-military lawmakers was elected in polls last year decried as unfair by the opposition parties, including that of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who was recently freed from house arrest.

The country's 1,154 lawmakers will meet in a massive new building in the remote capital of Naypyitaw, the brief announcement said. It will be the first parliamentary session since a 1988 meeting in the old capital of Rangoon, which the junta renamed Yangon a year later.

The ruling junta's military-backed party, the Union Solidarity and Development Party, garnered nearly 80 percent of seats in the two-house Union Parliament in Nov. 7 polls, the country's first in two decades. The country's 14 regional parliaments will convene the same day in their respective areas, the announcement said.

"We have waited 20 years to

be able to make our demands through the parliament," said Thein Nyunt, a member of the opposition National Democratic Force. "Now that the parliament is going to be convened, I hope I will be able to work for the betterment of the people and the country from within the system."

The opposition party, formed by a faction of Suu Kyi's party after it was disbanded for boycotting the polls, holds a mere 12 seats total in the national parliament.

Government opponents and outside observers have called the elections unfair and undemocratic, saying the results were manipulated to allow the military-backed party to win.

The election results assure that the military, which has ruled Myanmar since 1962, will continue to wield decisive power.

Under the constitution, the parliament elects the country's president and vice-president.

The constitution also allots 25 percent of parliamentary seats to military nominees, meaning that the pro-junta USDP party lawmakers combined with the nominees will account for 85 percent of seats in the lower house and 83 percent in the upper house. The dominance assures that the military through

its allies can push through or block any legislation and constitutional amendments.

As was the case with the elections, there will be strict rules governing the decorum of lawmakers at parliament.

According to new laws announced in November, parliamentarians will be allowed freedom of expression unless their words endanger national security or the unity of the country. Any protest staged within parliament is punishable by up to two years in prison.

Anyone aside from lawmakers who enter the parliament while it is in session face a one-year prison term.

Holding the elections left just two steps to complete in the junta's so-called "roadmap to democracy"—convening parliament and building a modern developed democratic nation with a Head of State elected by parliament.

The country's last elections in 1990 were overwhelmingly won by the opposition party of Suu Kyi. The military refused to hand power and locked Suu Kyi away for most of the past 21 years, freeing her a week after the November elections. Her opposition party has been disbanded and has no presence in parliament.



## World

## WORLD BRIEFS

**Man slain on Acapulco highway; 31 dead in 4 days**

**ACAPULCO, Mexico** (AP)—The body of a murdered man was found Monday on the main highway to Acapulco, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the Pacific resort city over four days. The unidentified man was shot several times in the head and found under a pedestrian bridge with his shirt pulled over his face, said Fernando Monreal Leyva, director of the investigative police for Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located. Leyva said federal, state and local police planned to meet Monday with the military to consider ways to beef up security in Acapulco, where 14 decapitated men and two police officers were among the unusually high body count since Friday evening.

**Ivory Coast's Gbagbo rebuffs latest mediator**

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast** (AP)—Former Nigerian leader and mediator Olusegun Obasanjo left Ivory Coast early Monday as the country's incumbent president continued to defy the world and insist he had won the recent election. Obasanjo, who came unannounced over the weekend, had driven back and forth between the presidency and a hotel across town where the internationally recognized winner Alassane Ouattara is barricaded. Three other high-level delegations, including a mission last week by several African heads of state, have all failed to get sway incumbent Laurent Gbagbo to cede power.

**Ukrainian in Mass. admits ivory smuggling plot**

**BOSTON** (AP)—A Ukrainian man has been sentenced in federal court in Massachusetts after admitting to a plot to smuggle sperm whale ivory into and out of the United States. Thirty-nine-year-old Andriy Mikhalyov of Odessa, Ukraine, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to buy, sell and smuggle sperm whale teeth. He was sentenced to time incarcerated since his arrest, a period of more than nine months. Sperm whale are an endangered species. The teeth are used in making scrimshaw, in which the ivory is etched to create a piece of art. Authorities said the case should help deter others from preying on endangered and threatened species.

**Full recovery for 'miracle' Haiti quake survivor**

**MARCHAND DESSALINES, Haiti** (AP)—The smiling teen who pokes her head out of the doorway of her grandmother's house is the embodiment of human resilience, someone whose very existence seems utterly impossible.

A year ago, Darlene Etienne was entombed in crumbled concrete and twisted steel. All around her, the sprawling city of Port-au-Prince was in ruins. Frantic family members and trained search teams dug through the debris for survivors but had largely given up hope of finding anyone else alive.

Then on Jan. 27—a staggering 15 days after the earthquake that the government says killed more than 220,000 people—people heard her faint voice, weakly calling for help through the debris. Soon, a French rescue team was digging her out before hundreds of stunned onlookers.

She was covered in chalky white dust, like a ghost. Her eyes sunken, unfocused. A rescuer told The Associated Press at the scene that she would not likely have survived even for a few more hours if undiscovered.

Darlene now is an apparently healthy 17-year-old, living with



Earthquake survivor Darlene Etienne, center, shows a photo of her rescue shot by Associated Press photographer Ramon Espinosa to neighbors in Marchand Dessaline, Haiti, Sunday Jan. 9, 2011.

her extended family in the rural Artibonite Valley, a rough three-hour drive on mostly dirt roads from Haiti's capital. AP journalists paid her a surprise visit and found a smiling teen, though she obviously hasn't forgotten her ordeal.

She recalls being conscious

and awake the whole time she was trapped—in contrast to others who survived long periods under the rubble and said they spent much of the time dozing or drifting in and out of consciousness. And she remembers screaming for help, though the city was a cacophony of

rumbling equipment and other noise in those desperate days.

"I could hear people passing by and I thought they were going to rescue me," she said in an interview Sunday. "But it was never me that they were rescuing."

Darlene, the middle child of three, had left her family for the

first time just nine days before the magnitude-7.0 earthquake, traveling the 40 miles from Marchant Dessalines to live with her cousin and his wife while attending high school in Port-au-Prince.

The quake trapped unknown numbers of people, and some work crews are still recovering bodies. Among the victims was the wife of Darlene's cousin, crushed by a falling wall in the back of their house. No one thought there could be any other survivors in such wreckage.

A man scrambling over the wreckage in the Carrefour Feuilles neighborhood finally heard Darlene. She gave him her phone number and he called her family, who alerted rescuers. The French team evacuated her to a field hospital for treatment of severe dehydration, then to a medical ship just off the coast.

It was a remarkable rescue and it provoked skepticism amid the amazement. At least 135 people had been unearthed by rescue teams after the Jan. 12 quake, but most were found in the immediate aftermath. The French rescuers and doctors, though, believed she had been trapped the whole time.

**Violence breaks out by Sudan's north-south border**

**JUBA, Sudan** (AP)—Violence in the disputed region of Abyei has killed at least 30 people along Sudan's north-south divide, officials said. Observers fear the latest unrest could spark more fighting amid an otherwise peaceful and jubilant independence referendum in the south.

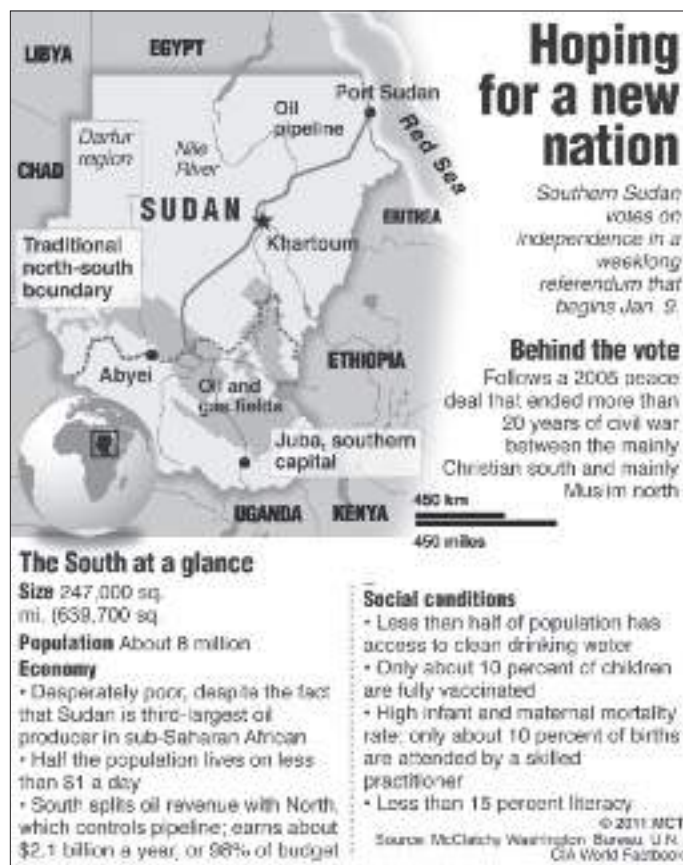
Abyei remains the most contentious sticking point between north and south following a two-decade civil war that left 2 million dead. Even President Barack Obama, who applauded this week's historic referendum on independence in the south, warned that violence in the Abyei region should cease.

United Nations spokesman Martin Nesirky said Monday the organization is "extremely concerned" about the reports of clashes and casualties in Abyei.

"The mission is in the process of confirming the numbers (of casualties), and containing the situation with enhanced patrols and engaging with the top leadership," Nesirky said at a regular news briefing at U.N. headquarters.

Abyei, which holds oil deposits, had been promised its own self-determination vote, but now whether it remains part of Sudan or joins an independent south will be decided in negotiations that so far have made little progress.

Jubilant voters flooded polling stations for a second day on Monday. The seven days of balloting are likely to produce an overwhelming vote for independence, and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has said he will let the oil-



rich south secede peacefully.

The Southern Sudan Referendum Commission said Monday that voter turnout reached 20 percent in the Southern Sudan; and 14 percent in the north of the country.

The commission said it decided to extend voting by one hour every day to give the voters more time to cast their ballots and expected the final results to be announced by Feb. 7, leaving a five day period for appeals, before announcing the final and uncontested results on Feb. 14.

Meanwhile, conflicting ac-

counts emerged Monday concerning the latest violence in the region straddling the north-south divide, and both sides accused armed forces of being in Abyei in violation of the peace agreement that ended the 1983-2005 civil war.

Col. Philip Aguer, the spokesman for Southern Sudan's military, said Arabs from the Misseriya tribes and fighters from a former Khartoum-backed militia killed 20 police and wounded 30 more during an attack with anti-tank weapons and artillery in the village of Maker-Adhar on Sunday.

**Niger kidnapping show terror's spread**

**DAKAR, Senegal** (AP)—With stunned diners looking on, the turbaned attackers burst through the metal door of the open-air restaurant and went straight for their targets: two Frenchmen whom they brazenly dragged at gunpoint into a vehicle waiting outside.

The kidnapping, blamed by French authorities on al-Qaida's North Africa branch, ended with the pair's tragic deaths during a failed French-led rescue attempt over the weekend. The bold hostage-taking showed in the most chilling way that abductions like these are no longer limited to the distant, lawless deserts of northwestern Africa where smugglers and bandits have long held sway.

This abduction on Friday happened right in Niger's capital, Niamey.

David Zounmenou, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa, said it shows the kidnapers "have the capacity to operate freely wherever they want."

"They are no longer limited to looking for victims in places without state authority," he observed. "They can go anywhere."

Experts say foreigners, mostly European, are increasingly being kidnapped by criminal networks and "sold" to al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, known as AQIM. Al-Qaida has used the hostages to demand the release of the group's prisoners from regional nations, to urge France to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan and to call on France to stop "harming" Muslims—a reference to its ban on the face-covering veil.

Jeremy Keenan, a research professor at London's School of Oriental and African Studies, said at least 56 Europeans have been kidnapped in the area since 2003. The assaults have become increasingly brazen.

Last September, al-Qaida-linked gunmen stormed a heavily guarded residential compound near a French-run uranium mine in Arlit, in northern Niger, seizing five French hostages and two others from Togo and Madagascar. The hostages are believed to have been taken to Mali, which like Niger is part of the vast desert Sahel region. Smugglers with terrorist links lurk there.

AQIM is thought to have doubled since 2008 to about 400 fighters. They are active from Niger to Mauritania—an area spanning 1,800 miles (3,000 kilometers). The organization dates back to 2006, when an Algerian-based local militant group, the Salafist Group for Call and Combat, pledged allegiance to Osama bin Laden and recast itself as a regional branch of al-Qaida.

The group has since made large swaths of northern Mali and Niger no-go areas for Westerners—remote territories in the desert with few police that are vulnerable to bandits and smugglers who've roamed freely for decades.

Friday's kidnapping, however, "means the center of Niamey is just as dangerous as outside of Niamey," Keenan said of Niger's sandblasted capital, where camels and goats amble on wide boulevards and ubiquitous dirt roads. "It's a very serious situation. There are bandits all over the place now."



# Focus

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**TUCSON, Ariz.** (AP)—She arrived right on time—smiling, as Gabrielle “Gabby” Giffords so often did, as she made her way through the small crowd that had assembled for her first “Congress on Your Corner” gathering of the new year. The meetings had become one of her hallmarks as a congresswoman, a way to get face-to-face with the people she served and hear them out, from those who cheered her close re-election to those who opposed her positions on health care or immigration.

Her Twitter account extended an invitation to one and all for the event at La Toscana Village, a suburban shopping center dotted with a nail salon, bakery and a Jenny Craig on the northern outskirts of Tucson: “Please stop by to let me know what is on your mind ...”

Some two dozen people did stop in, collecting out front of a Safeway store. At 10 a.m. sharp, standing near a banner adorned with her name and the U.S. House of Represen-



Federal investigators wear gloves and booties as they form a grid and comb the area in the Safeway parking lot where Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was gravely wounded on Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

# ‘Get down! Get down!’ as gunfire erupts in Arizona

tatives seal, Giffords began to greet the crowd. Among them were old friends, such as John Roll, a federal judge who put off household chores to go say hello after Mass.

There was also at least one new admirer, a third-grader with ebony hair and a big smile of her own who’d been elected to her school’s student council. A neighbor brought little Christina Taylor Green along, believing she’d enjoy meeting a real politician.

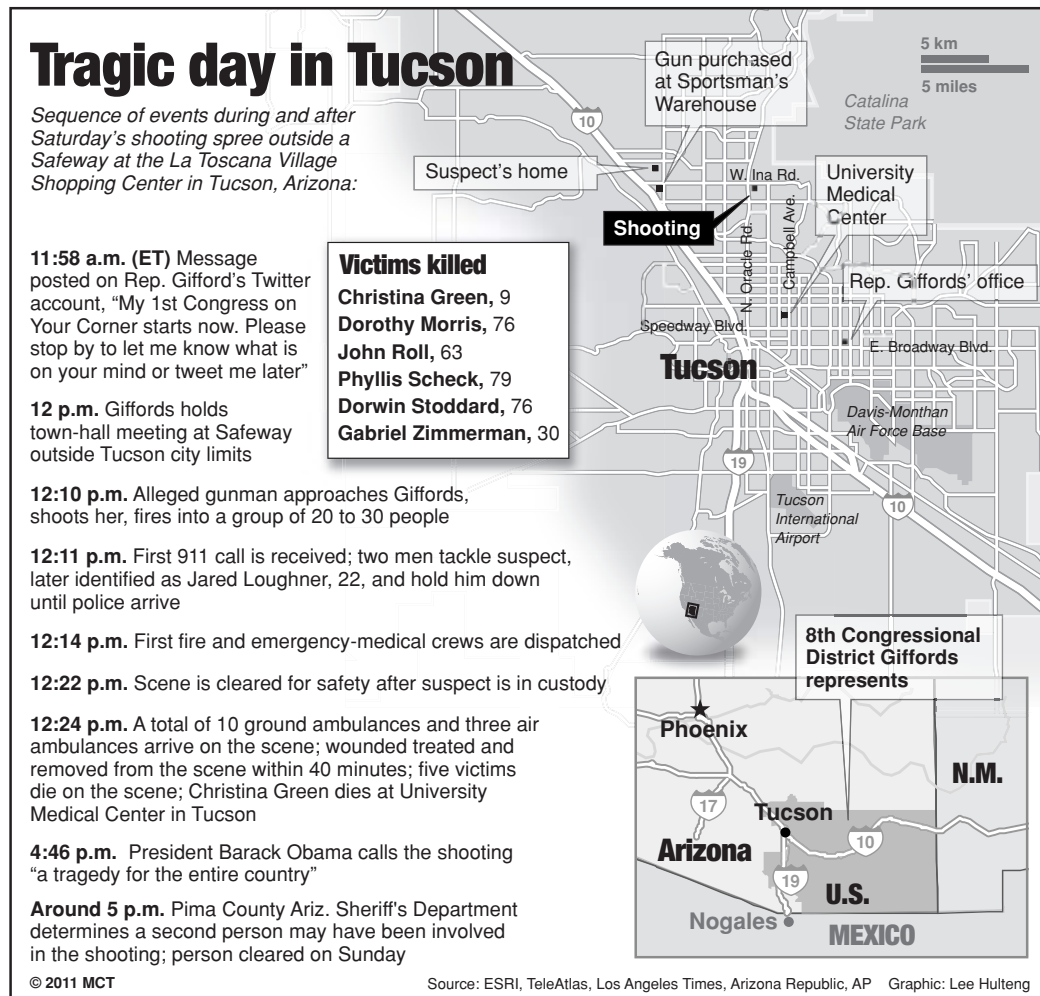
Off to the side, volunteer Alex Villec helped keep things running smoothly.

“There’s a line forming to your right,” he told those who asked. “Give her 25-30 minutes. She’ll be happy to talk to you.”

When the man in the black ski hat, baggy pants and bulky jacket approached, Villec recalled thinking he looked somewhat shady, and yet his question was hardly unusual for this type of function: Where was the congresswoman?

Villec directed the man to the back of the line, and he walked away, appearing almost uninterested.

Giffords had already finished talking with her first visitor and was on to the next two, a couple. Mark Kimble, an ex-newspaperman who works as a communications specialist for Giffords,



was answering a question about Medicare reimbursement.

In the slow-motion blur that takes over the mind in times of trauma and tragedy, Villec saw the man in the black hat return.

It took only seconds. Villec saw him raise an arm.

“Get down! Get down!”



As a politician in a nation that seems to grow more divisive

with every election, Giffords had come to expect the unexpected. There was heckling at a health care town hall in southern Arizona, a dropped weapon from one visitor at yet

another meet and greet, and the vandalism of her district office just hours after last year's health care vote.

Tempers can sometimes run high, she'd say, or there are “crazies” on all sides of the political spectrum.

A motorcycle rider, gun-owner and self-described Blue Dog Democrat, the 40-year-old Giffords refused to cower, driving herself to the Safeway supermarket Saturday morning. She has a reputation around Congress as a bit of a fighter and a savvy politician. She maintained popularity in her district by bucking her party's position on some key issues and connecting with constituents with her regular outreach meetings.

“She goes outside a grocery store or someplace where people are going to gather and discusses anything they want to discuss with her, with no appointment, no conditions or anything,” said Kimble, who began working for Giffords a year and a half ago.

Also, with no security.

Saturday's “Congress in Your Corner” was Giffords' first of 2011, capping a busy return to Washington, D.C., that saw her sworn in for a third term. She was one of the few Democrats to win in the conservative backlash in November that swept more than 50 incumbents out of

Congress and gave Republicans control of the House.

When she took the oath of office, she promised to work hard to solve the challenges facing Arizona and the nation. By week's end, she was back in Arizona ready to talk with voters about her many ideas to do just that, including her just-proposed legislation to cut the salaries of members of Congress by 5 percent.

Giffords, said Villec, was in her element when going one-on-one with the people she represents. The 19-year-old worked as an intern at Giffords' Washington office throughout the fall campaign and remembers the sense of relief—and optimism—that filled the air just before the holidays, after she narrowly defeated a tea party favorite in November.

On his last day in December, the congresswoman wished him well and thanked him for his work.

Villec was so excited to see his former boss and ex-colleagues again, he was up early on Saturday to hit the coffee shop and beat the crowds to the Safeway off Ina Road.

Giffords, he said, is a “public servant whose enthusiasm can light up a dark room.”



As soon as the shots sounded, Villec dove for cover behind a concrete pillar. All around him he could hear cries, screams—and still more gunfire, at least 10 shots that he counted.

From his hiding place he saw a man lying on the ground. All he could think was, “This is real. This is happening. Nobody's going to pinch me and tell me to wake up.”

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## F O C U S

## GET DOWN

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Somehow, he managed to scamper up off the ground and run, crossing the parking lot for the Wells Fargo bank, where employees were already calling 911. They locked the bank doors, and Villec and the others took refuge inside. He got on the phone to authorities to tell them what little he knew.

Villec had no idea, then, who had been hit or whether anyone had survived or whether the gunman had been stopped. He had no idea that Giffords sat slumped against the glass window of a grocery store, bleeding from a potentially fatal head wound.

Kimble saw the gunman coming from the corner of his eye. Even after he, too, hit the ground, he could see the suspect running past the line of waiting constituents, shooting all the while. Patricia Maisch, 61, was standing farther back in the line when she heard the first shot. As the gunman headed in her direction, shooting people "right down the line," she laid on the ground next to another woman. Suddenly, that woman was shot, too, and Maisch felt sure she was next, when two men suddenly tackled the attacker as he was reaching for a fresh magazine. "Get the magazine!" someone shouted, as Maisch reached out and snatched it.

When the firing stopped, Kimble scrambled over to Giffords. An intern who once worked as a phlebotomist, drawing blood, was applying pressure to her head wounds and holding her up to ensure she didn't aspirate blood. "Stay calm," Kimble heard the young man tell the congresswoman. "Stay still."

The intern, said Kimble, had been on the job for all of a week.

At 10:11 a.m.—just 11 minutes after the event had begun—911 calls were pouring in. "It's Giffords!" one eyewitness told a dispatcher. "I do believe Gabby Giffords was hit." Another panicked caller from Walgreens asks a dispatcher to hurry and send more help.

"We need more than one ambulance. There's more than one victim down."

Within minutes, Stuart Rodeffer, a battalion chief for Northwest Fire/Rescue District, got the call over his radio to respond—a "first-alarm medical," meaning the situation is about as bad as can be.

At 46, Rodeffer is a veteran not only of the fire service but of the first Gulf War, where he served in the Marines Corps. He thought he'd seen his share of bloodshed in combat, but what he saw in that Safeway parking lot left this former Marine still searching for words a day later.

The scene was utter chaos. Bodies, blood pooling all around, were sprawled on the blacktop and the sidewalk near the Safeway—some obviously deceased, he said. One after the other, witnesses ran up to him and EMS workers, grabbing them, urging them to move faster and faster.

"People are dying here," they cried. "Help us. Help us!"

Rodeffer and his crews immediately set up triage under the covered sidewalk in front of the Safeway and identified seven patients in need of urgent transport—including Giffords and the third-grader with the big smile. In all, 20 were hit—almost the entire crowd that had gathered

for what was to have been a morning of friendly civil discourse.

James Palka, an event photographer who arrived late to the function, got there just as police were blocking off the parking lot with yellow tape. He saw streams of blood staining the wall beneath a Safeway window and two bodies in front of the store, sheets covering them.

A man sat at a small table, sobbing.

"I just remember the sound," Palka said.

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By 11 a.m., the wounded had all been transported to hospitals. Kimble and other staff members gathered at University Medical Center, where Giffords had undergone brain surgery. Villec, after hours of police interviews, escaped to his parents' home.

On Sunday, many telltale marks of tragedy remained across this southern Arizona city.

At La Toscana Village, yellow police tape still snaked through trees, and stores were closed. At Giffords' district office in Tucson, flowers were propped against a wall under a red, white and blue sign carrying her name and the words: United States Congress. "What a loss," read another sign nearby.

Still more memorials sat on the lawn outside the hospital where the victims were taken: candles with pictures of saints alongside photographs of Giffords and her friend,

U.S. District Judge John Roll.

Roll was among six who perished. The others were Giffords aide Gabe Zimmerman, 30; Dorothy Morris, 76; Dorwin Stoddard, 76; Phyllis Schneek, 79; and Christina Taylor Green, who was born on another day filled with so much terror: Sept. 11, 2001. She was only 9 years old.

Throughout the day Sunday, grief-stricken friends, families and even those who had no connection to the victims gathered at churches and vigils to pray for the wounded and begin the process of mourning.

There was, however, one reason for optimism: Doctors treating Giffords reported Sunday that the congresswoman had responded to simple commands and they

were hopeful about her chances for survival.

And the pursuit of justice began. Twenty-two-year-old Jared Loughner was charged in the rampage. What's not known, still, is what may have prompted the attack. Was it the fevered political rhetoric of our times? Mental illness? Or something else altogether?

To those who were there, the answer to why matters less than the question of: What now? They have friends to bury, and others are still healing. And they must tend to their own unseen scars, which will need mending as well.

Villec, who studies economics and government at Georgetown University, postponed his return to school. Before all of this, he saw serving in public office as a possible aspiration. Now, he's not so sure. "This forces me to sit down and reconsider what that means when you make that commitment," he said.

During those 10 minutes of shooting, he said, survival mode set in. "It doesn't cross your mind that lives are being taken before your very eyes."

Now, he's focused on the friends he lost and the ones still fighting—and somehow erasing a horror that may be with him forever.

Associated Press writers Amanda Lee Myers and Terry Tang contributed to this report.

## Glock pistol

The person suspected of shooting U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) and others in Tucson, Ariz. reportedly used a 9mm Glock pistol.



**Length**  
7.4 in. (188 mm)

**Barrel length** 4.49 in. (114 mm)

**Weight** 21.9 oz. (620 g)

**Chamber** 9 mm Luger/Parabellum

**Magazine** 17 rounds; options for 19, 22 rounds

**Easy to operate**

- Trigger is designed to be activated only by a proper pull from the operator's finger, eliminating need for other manual safety devices

**Lightweight**

- Steel slide mounted on polymer frame with alloy inserts

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## Campus Life



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A memorial dedicated to the victims of a shooting on January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Arizona continues to draw a steady stream of people at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona on Monday.

## Colleges limited in what they can do about troubled students

By LES BLUMENTHAL and DAVID GOLDSTEIN

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON—Described variously as a social outcast, a loner and paranoid, Jared Lee Loughner, the 22-year-old who is accused of critically wounding a U.S. congresswoman and killing six others, meets the profile of a mentally unstable youth who slipped through the cracks and may have emerged with weapon in hand.

While cautioning that few of the details are known, psychiatrists said Monday that aggressive instincts among males peak in the late teens through the mid-20s as testosterone kicks in. When coupled with substance abuse and a festering mental health problem, the result can be a violent outburst.

Indeed, experts said reports about Loughner indicated that while the violence he is accused of creating was out of the ordinary, the path of his mental breakdown was pretty typical.

"This is the age when it occurs," said Dr. Alan Lipman, the director of the Center for the Study of Violence in Washington and an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at the George Washington University Medical Center. "It is clearly and definitely known that psychotic breaks occur a vast majority of the time in one's late teens and emerge in one's early 20s."

Since the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech, which left 33 dead, colleges and universities have sought to improve their efforts to identify and seek help for students who are displaying mental problems. But the efforts are uneven, and there are limits on how far teachers and administrators can go in helping disturbed students.

"Virginia Tech was a wakeup

call," said Dr. Paul Appelbaum, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University and a past president of the American Psychiatric Association. "But there is relatively little a school can do to insist on treatment."

Law enforcement officials are convinced that Loughner acted alone. While he clearly has mental issues, they say those problems were fed by paranoia punctuated with strange beliefs and a deep mistrust of government.

Dr. Jeff Victoroff, an associate professor of clinical neurology and psychiatry at the University of Southern California who is considered an expert on human aggression, said Loughner exhibited a potentially deadly mix of psychiatric problems: schizophrenia spectrum disorder coupled with control override delusions.

"You can be functioning, but not necessarily rational," Victoroff said.

Victoroff, after studying what has emerged publicly, said Loughner apparently was part of the 1 percent of the population that developed schizophrenia at a time when a young man's aggressiveness was at its height. Based on Loughner's delusional writings, Victoroff said, the young man apparently believed that the government was controlling him.

"This is the worst combination you can have," he said. "That's what he exhibits, and substance abuse makes it worse."

Loughner apparently never received any help, though his behavior came to the attention of officials. After high school, he enrolled in an algebra class at Pima Community College in Tucson. But the teacher and

students in the class raised concerns about him.

"There was never a time when he was in class that he was not disruptive, and he scared me," student Lynda Sorenson wrote in one of several e-mails about Loughner. "He frightened the daylights out of me. I kept saying to people, 'I'm afraid he's going to come into the class with a gun.'"

Loughner later was suspended after he posted a YouTube video in which he said the college was "unconstitutional." The school barred him from returning until he met with a mental health professional and received a positive evaluation.

Education officials said they often were "caught between a rock and hard place."

"They can't take the person out of class until they've done something," said Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, the executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. "They look as if they should take responsibility. Look at Virginia Tech."

In 2007, Seung-Hui Cho, a Virginia Tech student who had previously been diagnosed with severe anxiety disorder, killed 32 people on campus before he killed himself. Privacy laws prevented school officials from knowing about his medical history.

Dungy said colleges and universities now had teams in place to try to identify students with behavioral issues and get them help.

"But the reality is, most students who we are going to have problems with have not come into our vision at all," she said. "We just have no idea who they are."



## Life & Style

# Linguists vote 'app' Word of the Year

By JOE MANDAK  
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**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—The tech slang “app” was voted the 2010 “Word of the Year” Friday by the American Dialect Society, beating out Cookie Monster’s “nom, nom, nom, nom.”

The shortened slang term for a computer or smart phone application was picked by the linguists group as the word that best sums up the country’s preoccupation last year.

“Nom”—a chat-, tweet-, and text-friendly syllable that connotes “yummy food”—was the runner-up. It derives from the Sesame Street character’s sound as he devours his favorite food.

The vote came at a Pittsburgh hotel ballroom during the national conference of the Linguistic Society of America, an umbrella group that includes the Dialect Society. About 120 of the 1,000 conference attendees voted in the “competition” with neither side entirely satisfied.

Critics of “app” said the word was somewhat stale, while proponents said 2010 was the year the word became omnipresent—with one arguing that her elderly mother knows the term, even though the woman doesn’t have any apps.

“Nom” supporters simply liked

it’s cheeriness.

“Some years there’s a very clear choice,” said Allan Metcalf, the Dialect Society’s executive secretary.

In 2001, for instance, the Word of the Year was 9/11.

“I think this past year there wasn’t anything clearly dominant,” Metcalf said. “But there’s no question ‘app’ is a very powerful word.”

Though the “Word Of The Year” is perhaps the best known item on the national conference agenda, it’s hardly the most serious. The program includes discussion of such subjects as school curriculum and raising education standards.

And that’s one reason Metcalf said the “Word Of The Year” isn’t universally popular among the conferees.

“But, on the other hand, it attracts a lot of attention to our work,” he said.

Anyone could nominate a “Word of the Year” by e-mail or Twitter, using links on american-dialect.com.

“Tweet” and “Google” were last year’s “Word of the Year” and “Word of the Decade.”

As with app, tech terms have been among the most popular since the group started the competition in 1990. Some previous winners include “millennium

bug” (1997), “information superhighway” (1993), and “web” (word of the 1990s).

Web words are so popular that even the techie prefix “e”—as in e-mail—won in 1998.

When the Internet doesn’t hold sway, current events or politics tend to dominate. Listed among nominees on the group’s website were “tea bagger,” “Palinism” and the Palinism “refudiate.” On Friday, voters chose to mix political terms altogether, including “Obamacare” and “mama grizzly”—yes, yet another Palinism, referring to conservative women who are protective of their families.

The inaugural winner, in 1990, was Bushlips, defined as “insincere political rhetoric” an apparent reference to President George H.W. Bush’s broken “Read my lips, no new taxes!” promise. Chad, as in “hanging,” was 2000’s word after the contested victory by Bush’s son, and 2002’s winner was also taken from a pair of Bush lips: WMD, as in “weapons of mass destruction.”

BP’s oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico spawned many 2010 nominees, but none made the final cut, not even “spillion,” defined as an immeasurable number, in reference to the billions of gallons of oil that spilled into the waters.

## Sarah Palin’s TV show ends planned 8-episode run

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)**—The Palin clan is off the air for now, at least on TLC.

“Sarah Palin’s Alaska” concluded Sunday on the cable network with the final episode of the eight-part documentary series showing the former governor and her family having assorted adventures in their home state.

The show appeared ripe for a second season after attracting an average of more than 3 million viewers per episode and debuting with an audience of nearly 5 million people in November—a record premiere for TLC.

The end of the cable TV show is generating online buzz about the reason it won’t continue.

Many say the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee must be eyeing another run for the White House. Some even mentioned that Discovery Communications-owned TLC could risk violating equal-time regulations if the show continued and Palin was running for office.

However, TLC spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg said the plan from the start was for a special single season only.

In this July 2, 2010 file photo provided by the Discovery Communications, Sarah Palin sitting next her husband Todd’s boat in Dillingham, Alaska as part of a documentary for the TLC channel.

AP

“It’s not a cancellation. It’s not a lack of renewal,” she said.

Palin representatives declined to comment on the matter.

The news that the show was not returning was first reported by Entertainment Weekly on Friday, a day before the weekend mass shooting in Arizona that left six people dead and injured 14 others, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Palin was drawn into the dis-

cussion because she used crosshairs on a gun sight to target Giffords’ district and 19 others last spring during midterm elections.

Conservative talk show host Glenn Beck on Monday read what he said was an e-mail from Palin saying she hates violence and that “out children will not have peace if politicians just capitalize on this to succeed in portraying anyone as inciting terror and violence

## Paltrow, Bush cousins victims in Arizona shooting

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Gwyneth Paltrow is a cousin of the congresswoman who was wounded in Saturday’s shooting that killed six people in Arizona.

Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is the first cousin of director Bruce Paltrow, who is the late father of “Country Strong” actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

“One Tree Hill” actress So-

phia Bush also has a connection to the shooting. According



Paltrow



Bush

the second cousin of Christina Green, the 9-year-old who was killed in the rampage.

Bush wrote on Twitter on Sunday that “there are no words to explain what my cousin’s family is going through in Arizona.”

Gwyneth Paltrow told Entertainment Tonight that she has never met Giffords but her “thoughts and prayers

to a Us Weekly report, Bush is

are with her and her family.”

## Study: Love music? Thank a substance in your brain

By MALCOLM RITTER  
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**NEW YORK (AP)**—Whether it’s the Beatles or Beethoven, people like music for the same reason they like eating or having sex: It makes the brain release a chemical that gives pleasure, a new study says.

The brain substance is involved both in anticipating a particularly thrilling musical moment and in feeling the rush from it, researchers found.

Previous work had already suggested a role for dopamine, a substance brain cells release to communicate with each other. But the new work, which scanned people’s brains as they listened to music, shows it happening directly.

While dopamine normally

helps us feel the pleasure of eating or having sex, it also helps produce euphoria from illegal drugs. It’s active in particular circuits of the brain.

The tie to dopamine helps explain why music is so widely popular across cultures, Robert Zatorre and Valorie Salimpoor of McGill University in Montreal write in an article posted online Sunday by the journal Nature Neuroscience.

The study used only instrumental music, showing that voices aren’t necessary to produce the dopamine response, Salimpoor said. It will take further work to study how voices might contribute to the pleasure effect, she said.

The researchers described brain-scanning experiments with eight volunteers who were chosen because they reliably felt chills

from particular moments in some favorite pieces of music. That characteristic let the experimenters study how the brain handles both anticipation and arrival of a musical rush.

Results suggested that people who enjoy music but don’t feel chills are also experiencing dopamine’s effects, Zatorre said.

PET scans showed the participants’ brains pumped out more dopamine in a region called the striatum when listening to favorite pieces of music than when hearing other pieces. Functional MRI scans showed where and when those releases happened.

Dopamine surged in one part of the striatum during the 15 seconds leading up to a thrilling moment, and a different part when that musical highlight finally arrived.

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*In loving memory of our dearly beloved*

**Reneelyn  
Ramangmou  
Agulto Acosta**  
Lovingly known as “Leng”  
December 15, 1977 – January 07, 2011



*In her new life, she now joins her:*

**Grandparents:** Guillermo Concepcion Agulto & Martha Camacho Palacios Agulto  
**Father in-law:** Antonio Naputi Acosta

*Her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of her:*

**Husband:** Anthony Michael F. Acosta  
**Daughters:** Rasey & Jamie Michelle A. Acosta  
**Son:** Lance Anthony A. Acosta  
**Parents:** Jesus Palacios Agulto & Rita Ramangmou Agulto  
**Brother & Sisters:** Roman R. Agulto, Regina R. Agulto & Franko, Renita & Richard Win, Rebecca R. Agulto & Michael Blas, Rita Jessica R. Agulto & Jeffery Guerrero  
**Mother in-law:** Zenaida F. Acosta  
**Brothers & Sisters in-law:** John F. Acosta & Frances DLG., Marites & Ray Yumul and Frankie F. Acosta

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated each morning at 6:00 am at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and Holy Rosary is being recited each evening at 7:30pm. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am followed by interment service at Mt. Carmel cemetery.

*Please join us in prayers*

**Anthony Michael F. Acosta and Children  
Jesus P. and Rita R. Agulto and Family  
†Antonio N. and Zenaida F. Acosta and Family**



# Detective describes Jackson doc's timeline of meds

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson, desperate for sleep, warned a doctor on the day he died that he would have to cancel his comeback concerts unless he received a dose of “his milk” - the powerful anesthetic propofol, according to testimony from the lead detective in the case against Jackson’s doctor.

As a result, Dr. Conrad Murray yielded and gave the singer a dose of propofol after a night of administering lesser drugs, detective Orlando Martinez said.

Prosecutors said the combination of drugs was lethal and filed an involuntary manslaughter charge against Murray, who has pleaded not guilty.

Martinez, who interviewed Murray two days after Jackson’s death, gave a chilling step-by-step account at Murray’s preliminary hearing, saying the pop star lay dying while Murray administered CPR but didn’t call 911.

Martinez, who spent nearly three hours interviewing Murray in the presence of his lawyers, said Murray told him he had been giving Jackson doses

of propofol six nights a week for two months but was trying to wean him from the drug after becoming afraid his patient was becoming addicted.

The detective said Jackson came home from rehearsal about 1 a.m. on June 25, 2009, showered and got into bed. Murray said he immediately connected an intravenous tube to the singer’s leg and began giving him sedatives, according to Martinez.

The doctor said that began a night of continuous efforts to get the star to sleep.

He told police he gave him the sedatives lorazepam and midazolam intravenously and supplied a valium pill, but nothing seemed to work.

At 3:30 a.m. he said, Jackson fell asleep for about 10 minutes but then was awake again and complaining that if he didn’t get sleep he would have to cancel his much-anticipated “This is It” tour, the detective said.

Murray spoke of feeling pressure to get Jackson to sleep and sometime between 10:40 a.m.

and 10:50 a.m. gave him half his usual 50 milligram dose of propofol, Martinez said.

“It was an injection to get him to sleep and a slow drip to keep him sleeping,” the detective said.

He said Jackson fell asleep about 11 a.m. and Murray felt comfortable enough to leave the room and go to the bathroom. He told the detective he was out of the room for two minutes and “was stunned to see Mr. Jackson not breathing” when he returned.

Murray told police he started CPR through chest compressions then gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but did not consider calling 911.

“He said he was caring for his patient and did not want to neglect him,” Martinez said.

He said Murray also was asked why he was giving Jackson CPR on a soft bed rather than moving Jackson to the floor.

“Dr. Murray said he could not move him to the floor by himself,” the witness said.



Murray

## South Korean film director makes movie on iPhone

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Acclaimed South Korean film director Park Chan-wook is wielding a new cinematic tool: the iPhone.

Park, director of the internationally known “Old Boy,” “Lady Vengeance” and “Thirst,” said Monday that his new fantasy-horror film “Paranmanjang” was shot entirely on Apple Inc.’s iconic smartphone.

“The new technology creates strange effects because it is new and because it is a medium the audience is used to,” Park told reporters Monday.

“Paranmanjang,” which means a “life full of ups and downs” in

Korean, is about a man transcending his current and former lives. He catches a woman while fishing in a river in the middle of the night. They both end up entangled in the line and he thinks she is dead.

Suddenly, though, she wakes up, strangles him and he passes out. When the woman awakens him, she is wearing his clothing and he hers. She cries and calls him “father.”

The movie, made on a budget of 150 million won (\$133,000),

was shot using the iPhone 4 and is slated to open in South Korean theaters on Jan. 27. Park made the 30-minute film with his younger brother Park Chan-kyong, also a director.

Park Chan-wook’s “Old Boy,” a blood-soaked thriller about a man out for revenge after years of inexplicable imprisonment, took second place at the 2004

Cannes Film Festival. His vampire romance “Thirst” shared the third-place award at Cannes in 2009.



Park

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren pointed out that Murray is 6 feet 5 inches and weighs about 225 pounds. The frail Jackson weighed about 136 pounds when he died.

Phone records show 911 was not called until 12:21 p.m., and prosecutors contend the singer was dead before help arrived.

Murray’s attorney Ed Chernoff asked Martinez if Murray had spoken of Jackson asking to self-administer propofol. He answered yes.

“Mr. Jackson knew all about propofol before Dr. Murray came on the scene?” asked Chernoff.

“Yes,” said Martinez.

The detective was asked if Jackson had sought to “push the propofol” himself and he said that was correct.

“Michael Jackson told Dr. Murray he liked to push it in himself and other doctors let him do that?” Chernoff asked.

“Yes,” said the witness.

“And Dr. Murray said he wouldn’t let him do that?” Chernoff asked.

“Correct,” answered the witness.

Park Chan-kyong said that a wide variety of angles and edits were possible because numerous cameras could be used.

“There are some good points of making a movie with the iPhone as there are many people around the world who like to play and have fun with them,” Park Chan-wook said. Compared to other movie cameras, the iPhone was good “because it is light and small and because anyone can use it,” he said.

He said the directors attached lenses to their phones and nothing was particularly different from shooting a regular movie.

## Group announces top children's books awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Clare Vanderpool’s “Moon Over Manifest,” a young girl’s magical and mysterious adventures in a small town in 1936, won the John Newbery Medal for the “most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.”

“A Sick Day for Amos McGee,” the gentle story of an elderly zookeeper and the animals who visit him at home when he’s too unwell to work, received the Randolph Caldecott Medal for best children’s picture book. “A Sick Day” was illustrated by Erin E. Stead and written by her husband Philip C. Stead, also the author of “Creamed Tuna Fish & Peas On Toast.”

The awards, the highest honors in children’s literature, were announced mid-day Monday by the American Library Association. The books are the debuts of both Vanderpool and Erin Stead and had entered the top 100 on Amazon.com’s best-seller list by later Monday afternoon.

“I was aware of the Newbery enough that when I taught some creative writing classes at my children’s elementary school, I used to tell the kids, ‘Look for this gold medal on the front of the book,’” said Vanderpool, 46, a native of Wichita, Kansas.

Vanderpool began the book in 2001, needed five to six years to finish and an additional three to four years to find a publisher, the Random House Inc. imprint Delacorte Press. A mother of four, she still lives in Wichita and had long been curious about the role of place in people’s lives. The story is set in Kansas and the narrator, Abilene Tucker, has been sent

off by her father to Manifest, a fictionalized version of Frontenac, where Vanderpool’s maternal grandparents lived.

“I’ve spent much of my life in one neighborhood in Wichita and I wondered what it would be like for a girl during the Depression who had never been in one place very long,” she said.

Stead, 28, was a design assistant at HarperCollins and an employee at Books of Wonder, a popular children’s bookstore in New York. Now living with her husband in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she says Philip Stead had told her he wrote “Amos McGee” with her in mind.

“I knew it was a story for me from the moment I read it and so I had a healthy amount of intimidation,” she said. “I love drawing animals and I love drawing people and I love drawing the emotional connection between animals and people.”

Tomie dePaolo, whose many books include such favorites as “Strega Nona” and “26 Fairmont Avenue,” received the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for his “substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.” Another lifetime achievement prize, the Margaret A. Edwards Award, was given to British fantasy novelist Terry Pratchett.

“The Dreamer,” by Pam Munoz Ryan, won the Pura Belpre Author Award for the writer “whose children’s books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience.” The Belpre prize for illustration went to Eric Velasquez for “Grandma’s Gift,” which he also wrote.

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Li, Doerr, Rivecca are finalists for Story Prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Award-winning Chinese author Yiyun Li is among the finalists for this year’s Story Prize for outstanding short fiction. Li was nominated for the collection “Gold Boy,” set mostly in the author’s native country. The other finalists announced Monday for the \$20,000 honor were Anthony Doerr for “Memory Wall” and Suzanne Rivecca for “Death is Not An Option.” The winner will be announced March 2. The Story Prize was founded in 2004. Previous winners include Edwidge Danticat and Tobias Wolff.

### Sept. 11 burn survivor has book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—A woman nearly burned to death by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is ready to tell her story. Lauren Manning, at the time a partner at

Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center, has a deal for “Every Day, a Choice.” Henry Holt and Co. announced the memoir Monday. It will come out in the fall, around the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Manning’s improbable recovery was documented in a 2002 book by her husband, Greg Manning. That book was called “Love, Greg & Lauren.”

### Shakira announces split with longtime beau

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Shakira and her Argentine boyfriend of 11 years say in a note on the Colombian pop star’s website that they have split up. Shakira and Antonio de la Rua say they decided in August to “take time apart” from their romantic relationship but kept the details private until now. The note posted Monday says the two view their separation as temporary, and adds that de la Rua will

continue to oversee Shakira’s business and career interests. He is the son of a former president of Argentina. A person close to the couple says they are now together in Paris. The person insisted on speaking anonymously, noting the subject’s sensitivity. The 33-year-old Shakira said in various interviews in 2009 that she was ready to have babies.

### Piers Morgan unveils stellar lineup of guests

NEW YORK (AP)—Piers Morgan will hit the ground running with his new talk show on cable TV news channel CNN. CNN says guests for the first week of “Piers Morgan Tonight” will include radio shock-jock Howard Stern, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, comedian and Golden Globes host Ricky Gervais, and actor George Clooney. Previously announced as Morgan’s opening-night guest is Oprah Winfrey. “Piers Morgan

Tonight,” a nightly hour-long interview show, debuts Jan. 17. The British-born Morgan is best known to U.S. viewers as a judge on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent.”

### Judge: ‘Survivor’ star violated supervised release

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP)—A judge says reality TV star Richard Hatch has violated the terms of his supervised release, but he didn’t immediately send the “Survivor” winner back to jail. U.S. District Judge William Smith said Monday it was clear that Hatch had failed to refile his 2000 and 2001 tax returns, as required by a judge at the time of his 2006 sentencing. Hatch was convicted of failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million prize he won on the debut season of “Survivor.” The Internal Revenue Service says he now owes about \$1.7 million in taxes

for those years, including interest and penalties. Smith said he would sentence Hatch after receiving additional written arguments from lawyers on both sides.

### Oscar winner Marion Cotillard expecting 1st baby

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard (KOH’-tee-yard) is pregnant. Her spokeswoman, Bryna Rifkin, says it will be the first child for Cotillard and her boyfriend of three years, actor-director Guillaume Canet. The 35-year-old French actress and Canet worked together on the 2003 French film “Love Me if You Dare.” Cotillard won an Oscar for her portrayal of Edith Piaf in “La Vie en Rose.” Cotillard’s recent credits include “Inception,” “Nine” and “Public Enemies.” The pregnancy was first reported Monday by

Us magazine.

### Geoffrey Rush to go mad on stage again in ‘Diary’

NEW YORK (AP)—Geoffrey Rush is going mad—again. The Oscar-winning actor is set to star in the U.S. premiere of “The Diary of a Madman” at the Brooklyn Academy of Music next month. Rush plays a lowly civil servant driven mad in the darkly comic play, adapted from an 1853 short story by novelist Nikolai Gogol. The play is being directed by Neil Armfield. It’s being presented by Belvoir, one of Australia’s most respected theater companies. Belvoir also launched the production of “Exit the King,” which won Rush a Tony Award in 2009 for the leading role of the mad monarch. “The Diary of a Madman” will play from Feb. 11 to March 12. Rush’s film credits include “Shine” and “Shakespeare in Love.”



## Rep: Owen Wilson and girlfriend expecting a baby



AP

In this Dec. 13, 2010 file photo, Owen Wilson arrives at the premiere of the film "How Do You Know" in Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Owen Wilson is going to be a dad. A spokeswoman for the 42-year-old actor says he and his girlfriend are expecting a child together. Publicist Ina Treciokas says Wilson and Jade Duell "are happy to be expecting a baby."

No other details were available.

Wilson appears in the recent films "Little Fockers" and "How Do You Know." His other credits include "Marley & Me," "Drillbit Taylor" and "Wedding Crashers."

## Jeff Bridges and Tina Fey among Globes presenters

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—"True Grit" stars Jeff Bridges, Hailee Steinfeld and Matt Damon are set to help hand out Golden Globe Awards.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which puts on the Globes, announced a spate of new presenters Monday.

Also handing out hardware at Sunday's ceremony will be Tina Fey, Tilda Swinton, Kevin Bacon, Helen Mirren, Kevin Spacey, Vanessa Williams, Sandra Bullock, Robert Downey Jr., Jimmy Fallon, LL Cool J, Scarlett Johansson, Jennifer Lopez, Leighton Meester, Robert Pattinson and Bruce Willis, among others.

The 68th annual Golden Globe Awards will be presented at the Beverly Hilton Hotel and broadcast live on NBC.



## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### ABC eager for Marvel characters on small screen

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)**—ABC's entertainment chief says he would love to have Marvel characters on the network, with Incredible Hulk and Jessica Jones among the front-runners. ABC executive Paul Lee said Monday that he's "thrilled" to have Marvel Entertainment in the family, a reference to The Walt Disney Co.'s acquisition of the comic book giant. The 2009 deal gave Disney ownership of a bevy of Marvel characters. It's easier to launch a known project, Lee said, but what distinguishes a show is the executive producer. He noted that movie writer-director Guillermo del



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In this publicity image released by NBC Universal, actor Michael Douglas, left, poses with Matt Lauer, co-host of the NBC "Today" show, for an interview, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in New York.

## Douglas says tumor gone, recovery hopeful

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Michael Douglas says his tumor is gone and that he may have beaten throat cancer. In a taped interview with NBC's Matt Lauer, Douglas said he felt relieved after a "wild, six-month ride." Excerpts of the interview were released Monday ahead

of its airing Tuesday on "Today."

Douglas says the odds are that he has beaten the disease.

He said that he had lost 32 pounds, but was now working out and had put 12 pounds back on. He said he'll continue to go in for monthly checkups.

The 66-year-old actor is set to begin shooting Steven Soderbergh's "Liberace" in May or June, with Douglas playing the title part. He's also nominated for a Golden Globe for his performance in "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps."

## 'Castle,' 'Cougar Town' among 6 ABC renewals

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)**—Fans of "Castle," "Cougar Town" and four other ABC TV series can rest easy: The network says the shows will be coming back next season.

"Grey's Anatomy," "The Middle," "Modern Family" and "Private Practice" are the other shows given an early pickup for another year, ABC announced Monday.

But the fates of "Desperate Housewives," "Brothers & Sisters" and "Detroit 1-8-7" remain unsettled, ABC Entertainment Group President Paul Lee told the Television Critics Association.

He lauded the three series' quality but signaled that ratings are the issue as he decides on their return for the 2011-12 season.

It's premature to discuss new shows being developed for next year, Lee said, although he mentioned a series from ABC mainstay Shonda Rhimes. Rhimes is the executive producer of ABC's



AP

In this undated publicity image released by ABC, Stana Katic, left, and Nathan Fillion are shown in a scene from "Castle."

"Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice," and the midseason entry "Off the Map."

Rhimes told critics the series is about a Washington, D.C., "professional fixer," and is inspired by a real-life crisis management consultant, Judy Smith, who shepherds people through difficulties. Monica Lewinsky has been among her clients.

Lee, who came to the network

after heading ABC Family and has been on the job five months, said he views the ABC brand as combining "smart with heart," offering shows that are "culturally defining, smart, big-tent aspirational television."

Also Monday, ABC Family announced it's renewing "Pretty Little Liars" and "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" for next season.

## Survivor of childhood rape has learned how to move on

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** When I was 12, my cousin "Larry" gave me a hallucinogen-laced candy bar and raped me. I struggled with depression and anxiety during all of my teenage and young adult years. The herpes I got from him left me with lifelong issues.



*Dear Abby*

With the support of Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA) and a therapist, I was eventually able to process the terrible repressed memories. My journey of recovery and healing includes living with healthy boundaries—so when my father died, I made it known that Larry was not welcome at the funeral. My cousin "Janet" was very upset by my choice. She has been ignoring me since. I am hurt by her behavior, but not devastated.

Abby, I'd appreciate your printing this letter to encourage other survivors so they, too, can live full lives with boundaries. We do not have to allow ourselves to be ruled by dysfunctional family issues. Thank you.

GRATEFUL RECOVERING SURVIVOR IN NEW YORK

**DEAR SURVIVOR:** You're right, you don't. And because funerals are to comfort the living, and Cousin Larry's presence would have been upsetting, you were right to exclude him.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step program for persons 18 years or older who have been victims of child sexual abuse, has been mentioned in my column before. It has been successful in helping people who were traumatized by childhood abuse become—as the name indicates—survivors. It offers assistance in starting groups, a volunteer information and referral line, and also sells literature and a newsletter. Its website is [www.siaawso.org](http://www.siaawso.org).

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 25-year-old guy. Two years ago I saw the cutest guy at work I had ever seen. After finally working up enough courage, I asked "Peter" to go out with me—as friends. The more I got to know him, the harder I fell for him. Peter is quiet, intelligent, a perfect balance between introvert and extrovert. For lack of a better word, he is "distinctive"—unlike any person I have ever met.

Earlier this year he asked me to be his roommate. I was unsure if that was a wise decision, knowing how strongly I feel for him. I decided to do it, wondering whether Peter's feelings for me would strengthen as he got to know me better through our living arrangement. We have discussed our goals in life, and Peter says he doesn't want to be in a serious relationship until he reaches his 30s. (He's my age.) That said, I have gotten mixed signals.

Abby, I am ready for a relationship and I want it to be with him. Should I tell him how I feel? I worry that if I don't say something now, I may lose my chance to someone else.

HEAD OVER HEELS IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR HEAD OVER HEELS:** Remaining silent is not a solution to your problem. But neither is forcing Peter into making a premature commitment he doesn't feel he's ready for. You need to tell him your feelings without demanding a commitment from him to determine if your feelings are in any way reciprocated. Then you can decide whether or not you need to move on. I can imagine few things more painful than loving someone and having to watch that person become romantically involved with others.

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Toro of "Hellboy" fame is working on the Incredible Hulk pilot. Hulk and Jessica Jones probably won't be the only Marvel projects headed for Disney-owned ABC, Lee told the Television Critics Association.

### Robinson, Gordy, Wonder pay tribute to Teena Marie

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Queen Latifah, Shanice Wilson and Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr. are among the luminaries who honored singer Teena Marie at a private memorial service. Gordy and Wonder spoke and Robinson and Wilson sang as they celebrated Marie's life Monday at Forest

Lawn Memorial Park. Marie's daughter, Alia Rose Brockert, also memorialized her mom. The two-hour memorial service and Catholic mass was closed to reporters. Marie, born Mary Christine Brockert, died Dec. 27 at age 54. Police have said she died of natural causes.

### Simon, Stills, Weir sing on autism film soundtrack

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—What do Norah Jones, Carly Simon, Scarlett Johansson, Ben Harper, Bob Weir, Steven Stills and Vincent Gallo have in common? All have lent their voices to the soundtrack for a documentary about autism, which will be released Tuesday on iTunes. "Wretches & Jabber-

ers" follows two men with autism as they travel the world, aiming to change attitudes about their condition. Musician J.Ralph said he signed on to compose the score for the film, but was so moved by the men's story that he wrote another 20 songs—a complete soundtrack—and asked some of music's best-known artists to give voice to them. Stills said using the men's own words "as the foundation of the lyric was what made our song fly." "I am extremely proud of our work," he said, calling the effort a "truly remarkable experience." The documentary, directed by Oscar winner Gerardine Wurzburg, will be released in theaters in April in honor of National Autism Awareness Month.



# Pastimes

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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 1-12

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Melanie Chisholm, 37; Rob Zombie, 46; Oliver Platt, 51; Kirstie Alley, 60

**Happy Birthday:** Problems with friends, neighbors and rules and regulations will arise if you don't make sensible choices. Rely on past experience to help you get through whatever comes your way. Your ability to develop and execute will be needed to keep things running smoothly. Your numbers are 2, 9, 15, 21, 34, 39, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Make an effort to get along with everyone. Loss due to theft is quite possible if you are careless. It will be difficult for you to deal with emotional situations. Rely on someone else's point of view and rethink your strategy. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Test your courage and strength of character. If you do what's right, you will win. A quick decision regarding home and family can save you from a financial loss. Get the facts straight. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Keep secrets if it will help you avoid an argument. You need more time to figure out how to handle whatever situation you face before you share your thoughts. A love relationship may be enticing, but do your research. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Do whatever needs to be done to secure your position personally and professionally. Taking chances can cause an untimely mishap that will cost you financially. It's about how you apply the skills or the information you have in order to get ahead. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take time out to make a personal improvement. Becoming engrossed in something without having enough information can lead to a loss. A love relationship will flourish if you do something special instead of just talking about the future. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll be torn when it comes to personal and financial decisions. Do what's best for everyone, even if someone is not in agreement with you. Take charge and accept responsibility and you will end up in a much better position. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Discuss personal and professional matters over with someone you trust and you will get a better view of what's to come and how to prepare. Problems at home can be resolved if you set a budget or size down. A move may free you from some obligations. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Sharing your thoughts with friends, relatives or colleagues will help you make the changes essential to excel. You must be the one to instigate what needs to be done in order to get to the position you want to reach. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Expect someone to make last-minute alterations that will leave you in limbo. Getting out and checking out your options will lead to a wider variety of choices. There is nothing you can't accomplish if you go about it the right way. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You've taken on a lot. Don't underesti-

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mate what's required of you. An emotional moment may be difficult but it will also help you realize what's important. Doing things differently will buy you time and support. \*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A creative outlet can turn into a profitable endeavor. Look at what you have to offer instead of what you are lacking. Someone from your past will open your eyes to a formula that can work well for you regarding work and how you earn your living. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Use your imagination and you will not be so dependent on others. You'll discover a new talent or skill that will help you get what you want much faster and more efficiently. Don't be afraid to take on a project alone. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are dedicated, determined and persistent. You have great respect for tradition and family values but follow your own path.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

1/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	4	6	2	1	8	3	9	7
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8	5	3	4	2	1	9	7	6

Difficulty Level \*\*

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 10 letters

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# Rockets hold on without Martin to beat Celtics



**BOSTON (AP)**—Aaron Brooks scored 24 points, hitting a pair of free throws with 18 seconds left after Boston cut a 12-point deficit to four and the Houston Rockets held on for a 108-102 victory over the Celtics on Monday night.

The Rockets snapped a five-game losing streak despite playing without leading scorer Kevin Martin.

Kyle Lowry had 17 with eight assists, Luis Scola scored 12 with nine rebounds and Jordan Hill had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets.

Ray Allen scored 19 for Boston, Marquis Daniels had season highs of 19 points and seven rebounds and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists. The Celtics have lost two straight, but they hope that Kevin Garnett will be able to return against Sacramento on Wednesday.

With the loss, the Celtics (28-9) fell behind the Miami Heat (30-9) for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

The Rockets led by one point at the half and by six after three quarters before scoring six of the first eight points of the fourth. They were up 106-94 with 3:13 left before Daniels made a jumper and then Allen and Paul Pierce followed with 3-pointers to make it a four-point game.

With 19 seconds left, Houston needed three tries to inbound the ball—one was tipped away, one was an emergency timeout—before they got it to Brooks. He was immediately fouled, and he hit both free throws to clinch it.

Martin had scored 20 or more points in eight straight games, but he fell in Sunday's game against Utah and injured his right wrist. Brad Miller was



Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen, right, tries to stop Houston Rockets guard Aaron Brooks, left, on a drive to the basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

also out, joining Yao Ming and leaving Houston short on big men.

Boston was without Garnett for the seventh straight game, but coach Doc Rivers said before the tipoff that Garnett could be ready to play against Sacramento.

The Rockets led by as many as nine points early in the second quarter before Daniels, who had seven in the pe-

riod, led Boston's second team as it tied the score.

## Bobcats 96, Grizzlies 82

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Stephen Jackson scored 27 points and the Bobcats stayed hot under new coach Paul Silas with a victory over listless Memphis.

A crowd of about 1,000 fans braved a snowstorm that shut down much of

the city to watch the Bobcats move to 5-2 since former coach Larry Brown was fired.

D.J. Augustin added 18 points and nine assists and Matt Carroll scored 12 points for Charlotte.

Zach Randolph had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who lost their second straight. Memphis missed 33 of its first 42 shots to fall behind by 16 points in the second quarter.

## Bulls 95, Pistons 82

At Chicago, Derrick Rose scored 29 points and Carlos Boozer added 27 points and 11 rebounds to rally Chicago past Detroit.

Luol Deng added 17 points and eight rebounds for the Bulls, who have won

seven straight home games.

The Bulls erased Detroit's 12-point halftime lead midway through the third quarter behind Boozer. He scored nine quick points to even the score at 61 with 4:54 left in the quarter.

Tayshaun Prince scored 15 points and Austin Daye added 14 for the struggling Pistons, who fell to 3-17 on the road.

Pistons guard Richard Hamilton played, despite his name circulating in a blockbuster three-team trade centering around Carmelo Anthony. The reported deal would reunite Chauncey Billups and Hamilton in New Jersey along with Anthony.

Hamilton finished with two points off the bench, shooting 0-for-5 from the field.

# Cavaliers lose Varejao for season

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—The losses won't stop for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Scrappy, steady center Anderson Varejao is done for the season with a torn ankle tendon that will require surgery, another major blow to the bottoming-out Cavs, who are not close to recovering after star LeBron James left as a free agent last summer.

"It's a big blow," first-year coach Byron Scott said in Phoenix before the Cavaliers played the Suns. "Arguably, he's been our best player."

Varejao got hurt while running in practice on Thursday as the Cavs prepared for a five-game road trip. He was placed in a walking boot and traveled with the team. He missed Friday's game against Golden State as team doctors waited for his injury to "calm down."

On Sunday, he underwent a second MRI in Phoenix that revealed "a complete tear of the peroneus longus in the midfoot of the right ankle and foot."

Varejao's injury will likely require surgery. After a stop in Los Angeles to see family, he will return to Cleveland for further treatment and evaluation.

Scott said Varejao was injured when he was running up and down the court during a simple drill.

"He was just running," Scott said. "Then he planted, touched the line and ran to the other end. And then he just buckled."

"I feel terrible because of the way he's been playing."

It's more devastating news for the Cavs, who have lost nine straight

and 19 of 20 going into Sunday night's game. Varejao, averaging a team-best 9.7 rebounds and 9.1 points, is also the team's best interior defender and provides constant energy with his hustle.

Scott has tried to stay optimistic amid the Cavs' mounting losses and injuries. The team is also without guard

Daniel "Boobie" Gibson (ankle) and forward Leon Powe (knee surgery) on the trip and forwards Anthony Parker (back) and Joey Graham (leg) have been slowed by injuries.

At 8-28, the Cavs have the worst record in the Eastern Conference. With James, they had the league's best regular-season record the past two years.

# Rockets enter Carmelo derby

As the Nets and Pistons wait for a decision from Denver on the future of Carmelo Anthony, the Houston Rockets have quietly made a push to acquire the All-Star forward, league sources told SI.com.

While the Rockets don't have a franchise talent like New Jersey's Derrick Favors, they can offer cap relief in the expiring contract of Yao Ming (\$17.7 million), Shane Battier (\$7.4 million) and Jared Jeffries (\$6.9 million), as well young talent like leading scorer Kevin Martin or Aaron Brooks, the NBA's 2009-10 Most Improved Player. Houston also has the right to swap draft picks with the Knicks in 2011 and it owns New York's pick outright in 2012.

It is unclear if Anthony would be willing to sign an extension with Houston or if the Rockets are willing to make a deal for Anthony without the extension. Sources told SI.com in August that Anthony would be willing to sign with the Rockets but that was before Yao's season-ending injury.

One source said that while the Rockets were discussing a trade for Anthony they were "not close" to a deal on Monday. ([www.si.com](http://www.si.com))



Denver Nuggets small forward Carmelo Anthony looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Hornets Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, in Denver.

## NBA BRIEFS

### Mavs sign Pavlovic to 10-day deal

**DALLAS (AP)**—The Dallas Mavericks have signed forward Sasha Pavlovic to a 10-day contract. The deal Monday comes after All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki has missed seven consecutive games with a right knee injury. The Mavericks are also without Caron Butler, who is likely done for the season because of a torn tendon in his right knee. Pavlovic hasn't been in the NBA this season, but has played 452 games over seven seasons with Utah (2003-04), Cleveland (2004-09) and Minnesota (2009-10). He was originally a first-round pick, 19th overall, by the Jazz in 2003. The native of Yugoslavia has career averages of 5.5 points, 1.9 rebounds in 16.5 minutes per game. Pavlovic will be available for Wednesday night's game at Indiana.

### Beasley misses practice with injured ankle

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—Minnesota Timberwolves forward Michael Beasley did not practice on Monday with an ankle injury and is questionable for the game against San Antonio on Tuesday. Beasley was hurt on Sunday night against the Spurs in San Antonio. He

rolled his ankle and was limited to 11 minutes while scoring just two points in the 94-91 loss. Beasley first injured his ankle on Friday night against the Portland Trail Blazers. Beasley also fell hard on his hip in that game, but said after practice on Monday that the ankle was the only issue that could affect his availability for the next game. The Timberwolves say Beasley will be evaluated again on Tuesday before the game. Beasley leads the team in scoring at 21.9 points per game.

### Wizards' Howard out 7-10 days

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Washington Wizards swingman Josh Howard will be sidelined at least another week to 10 days with a sore left knee. Howard has missed three games and parts of two others since the knee started acting up again in late December. He tore a ligament in the same knee 11 months ago, had surgery and missed the final 28 games last season and the first 24 this season. Coach Flip Saunders said Monday the team will have someone come in to reevaluate the knee over the next few days. Howard has played in only eight games this season. He is averaging 7.9 points and 3.3 rebounds.



# Rex says Jets-Pats is about Belichick vs. Ryan



**FLORHAM PARK, N.J.**  
(AP)—Ding ding ding. Here we go again.

It's Round 3, Jets-Patriots. And, as usual, Rex Ryan got things off to a rip-roarin' start.

"This is about Bill Belichick vs. Rex Ryan," the Jets' brash coach declared Monday. "There's no question. It's personal. It's about him against myself, and that's what it's going to come down to."

He described last Saturday's game against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts as "personal," too. After a 17-16 win set up this playoff matchup between the Jets (12-5) and Patriots (14-2), Ryan is letting everyone know that this time, it's really, really personal.

"I recognize that he's the best and all that," Ryan said of Belichick. "But, I'm just trying to be the best on Sunday, and I plan on being the best coach on Sunday. That's what it is. I recognize that my level has to come up, and he's going to get my best shot. He's going to get everything I have on Sunday, and if he slips at all, we're going to beat him."

Now, those are fightin' words.

"I might have a little quickness on him," an uncharacteristically playful Belichick said. "He's probably got a little more strength and power on me. So, I don't think you'll see either one of us out there making any blocks or tackles or runs or throws or catches. At least you won't see me doing it. It's probably a good thing for our team."

But Belichick has the victories, and the Super Bowl rings that Ryan craves. Ryan thinks the teams are evenly matched from the players to the assistant coaches, and a regular-season split supports that. But he acknowledges he needs to do "a ridiculous amount" of preparation to top Belichick after being outcoached by him in their last meeting, a 45-3 rout at New England.

That loss so angered Ryan that he took a game ball and buried it near one of the practice fields as the entire team watched.

"We have to play fast and physical," Ryan said. "That doesn't mean we're going to dummy it up. If you dummy it up against them, you'll get crushed."

The way they did just over a month ago. Just to remind his players, Ryan will have the team watch that game film "every day" this week as it prepares for the Patriots.

"I told Belichick after the game, 'We'll see you in Round 3,'" Ryan said. And Belichick's response?

"He just looked at me," Ryan said.

Ryan has often given Belichick respect, calling him a "Hall of Fame coach" and praising his ability to get the most out of his players. But he has also maintained the sizzle in this rivalry, despite it starting long before Ryan got to New York.

"My thing goes back to when they were the Boston Patriots and they had (Houston) Antwine, that's one of the D-linemen, and they had Jim Nance as a great back," Ryan said, recalling Patriots teams of the 1960s. "That's how far I go back in this thing. It's not just now."

The Jets and Patriots are two of the original AFL teams, and their very first meeting in 1960 was a good indicator of how this rivalry would take shape. The Titans—the Jets' previous incarnation—blew a 24-21 lead when punter Rick Sapienza fumbled a snap and Chuck Shonta picked up the ball



In this Dec. 6, 2010, file photo, New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, left, meets New York Jets coach Rex Ryan on the field after the Patriots beat the Jets 45-3 in an NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass.

and ran it in for a touchdown to end the game. The Titans insisted a Patriots player kicked the ball, but the play stood, and Boston won 28-24.

They played each other for the first time in the postseason in 1985, a Patriots win in the wild-card round. The teams waited 21 years before meeting in the playoffs again—another New England win.

But, many of the current bad feelings started back in 1997 when Bill Parcells left the Patriots after a loss in the Super

Bowl to become Jets coach. Curtis Martin followed him from Foxborough to the Meadowlands a year later, and had a Hall of Fame-caliber career with the Jets.

Belichick became a "villain" in Jets fans' minds on perhaps the most bizarre day in franchise history, when he was set to replace Parcells after the 1999 season, but bailed out after one day as the "H.C. of the N.Y.J." and became Patriots coach.

In 2006, Eric Mangini left Belichick's staff in New England, angering

the boss, and was hired as the coach of the Jets. Postgame handshakes—or the lack of them—between the coaches were always highlights. Spygate also became a national headline after New England was penalized \$750,000 and a first-round draft pick by the NFL for illegal sideline videotaping of the Jets.

Ryan added to it all a few months after he was hired in 2009, saying he didn't come to New York "to kiss Bill Belichick's rings." He even took a shot at Brady—although he insists

that wasn't his intent—while praising Manning last week, saying the Patriots quarterback "thinks" he studies as hard as the Colts star but doesn't.

When asked Monday what he thought of Brady going to see "Lombardi" on Broadway instead of watching the Jets' game Saturday night, Ryan threw another jab.

"Peyton Manning would have been watching our game," Ryan said with a huge grin.

Ryan understands how his comments could be taken as slaps at Brady, but "he took a shot at me by his antics on the field."

Antics? Ryan was asked if he meant Brady pointing at the Jets sideline or looking at them after scoring.

"Just Brady being Brady," he said vaguely. "I don't like seeing that; nobody does. No Jet fan likes to see that. And I know he can't wait to do it. He's not going to say anything publicly, but he does it. It's what it is. It's my job to get him out of the end zone."

Brady, who said he wouldn't watch the Jets on HBO's "Hard Knocks" because he hates them, took the high road on Ryan's comments. He said everybody is entitled to their opinion, and there have been plenty of those during this rivalry.

"This never started when Belichick became the coach," Ryan said. "They always had one with these two teams. And, let's face it: New York is New York. Everybody wants to beat the best."

But, right now, most think that means the Patriots, who earned a bye after finishing as the AFC's top seed with the best record in the NFL.

Moments after that loss last month, Ryan said he wished he could take his team right out onto the field and play again. A few weeks later, he and the Jets will get that chance - with plenty on the line.

"If we win this one, we'll be right back to where we always are," Ryan said. "Same old Jets, right in the AFC championship game."

## Gonzalez says 7-year Rockies deal finalized



**DENVER (AP)**—Slugger Carlos Gonzalez says he has finalized a seven-year, \$80 million deal with the Colorado Rockies.

The outfielder's publicist released a statement in his native Venezuela saying the deal will be signed Tuesday in Denver, where a news conference was announced by the Rockies. The statement quoted him as saying, "I'm happy and thankful to God because an agreement has finally been reached that benefits all of us who are involved."

Fabiola Bohorquez, a publicist for Gonzalez, confirmed last Monday that the deal was imminent, pending a physical.

Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd texted The Associated Press that Gonzalez underwent his physical Monday, and his publicist said Monday night on Twitter there were no issues, clearing the way for the deal to be signed.

Gonzalez arrived in Denver on Sunday with relatives to finalize the deal that covers what would have been his first three seasons of free agency

Without the agreement, Gonzalez, who is represented by agent Scott Boras, would have been eligible for free agency after the 2014 season.

"I feel satisfied with the offer because it's not only the money that counts, but also the possibility of doing what I love, which is playing baseball," Gonzalez was quoted as saying in the statement. "On top of that, I will play with a team that has always made me feel at home, that from the beginning trusted in my talent and has allowed me to improve day after day on the field."

Gonzalez had a breakout season in 2010, winning a Silver Slugger award and a Gold Glove. The 25-year-old won the NL batting title with a .336 average and also hit 34 homers and drove in 117 runs despite batting lead-off for 44 games early in the year.

Gonzalez said he's not thinking about accolades now.

"I think that comes only if you're persevering and you focus on doing your job every time you take the field," Gonzalez said. "My goal, like all ballplayers, is to have good performance that helps the team win, reach the post-

season and the World Series. That's why we're here."

Smooth at the plate, Gonzalez was just as splendid in the field, turning in seemingly effortless catches as the Rockies shifted him around between all three outfield spots.

Colorado has been committing large amounts of money this offseason to sign some of its core players.

Jorge De La Rosa, one of the top lefties on the free-agent market, agreed to a \$21.5 million, two-year contract to return to the Rockies, and in November, All-Star shortstop Troy Tulowitzki signed an extension that guarantees him \$157.75 million over the next decade.

Now, Gonzalez will potentially have protection in the order for a long time.

Tulowitzki jokingly took a little credit for Gonzalez's late-season run at the Triple Crown because Tulowitzki was hitting behind the player known as "CarGo."

It was a pick-your-poison option as Tulowitzki turned in a sizzling September, hitting a franchise-best 15 homers and knocking in 40 runs.

Still, the production of Tulowitzki and Gonzalez, along with the pitching

of ace Ubaldo Jimenez, wasn't enough to lift Colorado into the postseason.

Now that Tulowitzki and Gonzalez are signed long-term, the Rockies will try to get a big deal done with Jimenez, likely next winter.

Gonzalez has been involved in two major trades during his burgeoning career. In December 2007, he was part of the deal that landed pitcher Dan Haren in Arizona and sent Gonzalez to Oakland.

A year later, just as he was settling in with the Athletics, Gonzalez was shipped to Colorado, along with closer Huston Street and lefty Greg Smith, for All-Star slugger Matt Holliday.

Gonzalez struggled in Denver at first, but things began to click right after the break and he finished 2009 with a .284 average with 13 homers and 29 RBIs in 89 games. Then, he went wild in the playoffs, collecting 10 hits in 17 at-bats against the Philadelphia Phillies in the division series. Remarkably, nine of those hits came off lefties.

Last season, he shrunk his strike zone, laying off pitches down and away, and emerged as one of the game's superstars.

Now he's got the security to go with it.



# AUBURN

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Three plays later, Dyer ran 16 yards to push the ball to the 1 and set up Wes Byrum’s 19-yard field goal with no time left. It was his sixth career game-winning field goal—the one that capped off a perfect, 14-0 season, brought the title back to Auburn for the first time since 1957 and left the Southeastern Conference on top for the fifth straight year.

“Fifty-three years, baby!” coach Gene Chizik said to the cheering crowd. “This is for you. War Eagle!”

Dyer was the star of a classic sequence that closed out a wild finish—five crazy minutes of football that made up for the first 55, which were more of a bruising battle than the offensive masterpiece everyone had predicted.

The craziness began when Casey Matthews, son of the 1980s NFL linebacker Clay, knocked the ball from Newton’s hands while he was trying to ice a 19-11 lead.

Oregon’s offense, shut down by Nick Fairley & Co. for most of the night, moved 45 yards over the next 2:17 and Darron Thomas threw a shovel pass to LaMichael James for a touchdown. Thomas hit Jeff Maehl for the tying 2-point conversion with 2:33 left and the game was down to the last possession.

And that possession will be remembered for one incredible play.

# TIGERS

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egon drive.

James and Fairley, who met on the awards circuit, chatted briefly after the game.

“It was nothing bad. It was all love,” James said. “I was calling him a cheater because he kept grabbing my facemask. He really is a good guy. He was a competitor.”

Asked how he can be nice off the field and not-so-nice on it, Fairley said: “You just have to know how to turn on and off the switch.”

Leading up to the game, Thomas said the Ducks had seen Fairley make “a lot of dirty plays” on film. That echoed the sentiment of some rival Southeastern Conference fans and rivals.

The accusations have hardly diminished Auburn fans’ affection for the 300-pounder. He got a huge roar from the crowd when he was announced as the

Dyer, who chose jersey No. 5 because that’s how old his brother was when their father died in a car accident nearly two decades ago, took the handoff from Newton and ran off right tackle for what looked like a 6- or 7-yard gain. Nothing routine about this one, though. He wasn’t sure his knee hit the ground, so, urged by his coaches on the sideline, he popped up and kept going. Almost everyone on the field had stopped playing, but the referee never blew the play dead. Dyer made it to the Oregon 23. An official’s review ensued and the replay showed that, indeed, his knee had never touched the turf.

“Really, it was going through my mind to get the first down, hold onto the ball,” Dyer said. “And the time being tackled, my knee wasn’t down ... I didn’t hear a whistle, not yet, so I was kind of, like, looking, like, what’s going on?”

In a statement released after the game, Big Ten referee Bill LeMonnier said he was confident of the call: “The ruling on the field was there was nothing other than the foot that touched the ground,” he explained.

Eddie Pleasant, the Oregon defensive back who almost made the tackle, was as shocked as anyone.

“It hurts, you know,” he said. “It’s not like he broke free and did some spectacular things. He was tackled. Everybody on the side of the defense stopped. He stopped and the coach told him to keep running and he ran. It’s

defensive MVP.

Oregon didn’t fare much better than the SEC offenses against the junior college transfer who went from mostly unknown to the Lombardi Award winner as the nation’s top lineman. He’ll be a likely Top 10 pick if he chooses to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

“Nick Fairley proved he’s the best defensive lineman in the country,” Oregon coach Chip Kelly said.

Against Oregon, Fairley had a hand in some of Auburn’s biggest defensive plays.

Fairley’s hard hit on Thomas led to Zac Etheridge’s first-quarter interception.

He also came up big in the Tigers’ third-quarter goal line stand. Oregon running back Kenjon Barner appeared headed into the end zone on third down, but Fairley tripped him up at the 1. Linebacker Josh Byner stopped Barner on fourth down.

“It feels good to take part in this win,” Fairley said. “Our

not like it was a blown assignment. It’s not like he busted a 50-yard run down the middle. It was just a crazy play.”

Dyer finished with 143 yards and was chosen Offensive Player of the Game—no small feat considering he had Newton playing well on the same offense.

Newton threw for 265 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 64 yards, most in short, punishing bites. He wrenched his back and had to go to the trainer after the game. All in a night’s work: “I’m OK. It was worth it,” he said.

It was a good performance, but not spectacular—par for the course in a game that was projected as a possible 60-55 thriller by South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier and a 74-point touchdown-fest by the oddsmakers who set the over-under.

Wearing white jerseys with gray numbers, green pants and DayGlo shoes and socks, the Ducks got only 49 yards rushing from James. An offense that had been held under 37 points only once all year managed just the two touchdowns. The last one came on a simple shovel pass from Thomas, who finished with 363 yards—81 of which came on a long pass to Maehl that set up the first touchdown.

Oregon didn’t come close to its nation-leading 49-point average and the fast-paced offense that turned most opponents into mush in the second half couldn’t wear down Auburn.

The Ducks finished 12-1, three points shy of their first national title, but not making apol-

whole team went out there and did a terrific job. We did everything that we planned. Yeah, we knew they had an amazing offense but we just went out there and tried to contain them and I thought we did a pretty good job.”

Indeed, he helped push back the nation’s top scoring offense.

“I could not be more proud of our defense,” Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. “For one month, our defense was bound and determined to show up and play the best game of their life.”

And like usual, Fairley was in the middle of it. How disruptive was he?

“Just like he usually is,” defensive coordinator Ted Roof said. “That’s why he’s going to make a bunch of money one day.”

Soon?

“We’ll see.”

Fairley might have been running out of steam on the Ducks’ game-tying drive in the final minutes. He knelt on one knee when Thomas was checking

ogies for the effort they gave in the desert.

“When it comes down to a field goal at the last second, you can always point to play here, a play there, but it really doesn’t do much for you,” Oregon coach Chip Kelly said. “We’re a forward-thinking operation, and we’ll learn from this thing and move forward.”

Fairley, Auburn’s 298-pound defensive tackle, had the Ducks moving backward much of the night. He lived up to his reputation as a game-changer for better, with three tackles for loss, including a sack—and for worse, when he got a 15-yard penalty for shoving James’ face into the turf after the whistle.

Newton was a game-changer, as always, helping Auburn to its ninth comeback win of this improbable season. He has now won the national title three straight years—in 2008 as a backup to Tim Tebow at Florida, last year in junior college at Blinn and now with the Tigers.

If he goes pro—as some people expect—this will mark the end of a tumultuous stay at Auburn, shadowed by an NCAA investigation into his failed recruitment by Mississippi State. The governing body cleared him to play before the SEC championship but said his father, Cecil, solicited money from the Bulldogs.

“Anything is possible,” Newton said. “I guarantee, five or six months ago, that no one would bet their last dollar that Auburn would win the national champi-

to other plays and was mostly negated, besides one pressure when his hand all but covered the quarterbacks’ facemask.

The Ducks mostly double-teamed him on their tying touchdown drive after recovering an Auburn fumble near midfield. He logged one pressure on Thomas, but also jumped offsidess on second down from the 4. Oregon doubled up on Fairley and went to the opposite side for a 2-yard touchdown pass to James.

Lesser heralded Auburn defenders also came through. Safety Mike McNeil, who took over when Aairon Savage was injured, had 14 tackles—12 of them solo stops. And fellow tackle Mike Blanc tackled James for a safety.

“Their defensive line is really good,” James said. “It is really tough to get around those guys. It really was a difficult matchup. Fairley really is a great player and so is No. 17 (Bynes). They just have great defenders in their front four.”

peared rattled from the start with both his interceptions coming in the first quarter.

He said it was Oregon—and not Auburn—that slowed the Ducks.

“We stopped ourselves on a lot of the plays. Mental, just mental breakdowns on our own,” Thomas said. “They didn’t really stop us a lot. We shot ourselves in the foot.”

onship. And now we’re standing here.”

Standing with a crystal football, the biggest jewel in a bowl season that, at times, felt never-ending, beginning on Dec. 18 with the BYU-UTEP game and wrapping up in Arizona with a most improbable finish.

The SEC improved to 7-0 in BCS title games. Four different teams from the conference have won it in this latest five-year run.

LSU. Florida twice. Alabama. And now, Auburn, the school that has loads of tradition—the Tiger Walk, the War Eagle yell and a case full of Heisman and other big-time individual trophies—but not nearly as many titles to go with it. Bad luck in the polls doomed their one-loss season in 1983, probation kept them from capitalizing on a perfect record in 1993 and the vagaries of the BCS left them on the outside in 2004, maybe the most painful of all the snubs.

So, really, this one is for all

the Bos and Beasleys and Terrys and Tracys in the Auburn family who came close but couldn’t close the deal. And it fashions a nice symmetry with that team up the road—the Crimson Tide—which took home the Heisman and the same crystal championship trophy one short year ago.

Tide fans, of course, will remind you that it still has five more AP titles than the Tigers. But this celebration is going on at Toomer’s Corner in Auburn, where the traditional toilet-papering of the drugstore and the rest of the street was going on in full force in the bitter cold as Monday night turned into Tuesday morning.

“Winning a championship for the Auburn family, I can’t really describe it right now,” Chizik said. “To try would probably cheapen it.”

At Auburn, the words “War Eagle” would almost surely suffice.

In the weekend tournament, Pascual, who won the 2010 December Ace, will be aiming for back-to-back titles after taking the 2009 Golfer of the Year Award.

The tournament at MCC will also serve as the January Ace event. Members who have yet to pay their annual dues for 2011 are told to do so to qualify for the prizes and monthly Ace award. Payment of the \$50 membership can be made in full or two installments.

To sign up or for more information, contact Mike Cruz at 483-7171, Mando Guban at 483-6033, Malaran at 287-1227, or Pascual at 287-1233. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*


# FIL-TAGA

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cinto Ramones, Vic Romana, Adoni Matutino, Richard Meimban, Rene Batallones, Ronnie Santos, and Larry Pascual.

Matutino and Santos are the two additions to the qualifying list with the former replacing the late Father Manny Corcuera, who topped the August tournament. Santos is taking the spot of November winner Greg Gamboa.

The second round of the tournament will take place this Sunday at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi with the same show and tee times.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	28	9	.757	—
New York	21	15	.583	6 1/2
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	13
Toronto	13	24	.351	15
New Jersey	10	27	.270	18

Southeast Division

Miami	30	9	.769	—
Orlando	25	12	.676	4
Atlanta	25	14	.641	5
Charlotte	14	21	.400	14
Washington	9	26	.257	19

Central Division

Chicago	25	12	.676	—
Indiana	14	20	.412	9 1/2
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	10
Detroit	12	25	.324	13
Cleveland	8	29	.216	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	31	6	.838	—
Dallas	26	10	.722	4 1/2
New Orleans	22	16	.579	9 1/2
Houston	17	21	.447	14 1/2
Memphis	17	21	.447	14 1/2

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	25	13	.658	—
Utah	25	13	.658	—
Denver	20	16	.556	4
Portland	20	18	.526	5
Minnesota	9	29	.237	16

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	27	11	.711	—
Phoenix	15	20	.429	10 1/2
Golden State	15	22	.405	11 1/2
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	14
Sacramento	8	26	.235	17

Yesterday's Games

Charlotte 96, Memphis 82

Houston 108, Boston 102

Chicago 95, Detroit 82

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	34	318	267	960	28.2
Stoudemire, NYK	36	356	227	945	26.3

James, MIA

Ellis, GOL

Bryant, LAL

Wade, MIA

Rose, CHI

Nowitzki, DAL

Anthony, DEN

Gordon, LAC

Martin, HOU

Westbrook, OKC

Williams, UTA

Griffin, LAC

Bargnani, TOR

Beasley, MIN

Gay, MEM

Howard, ORL

Love, MIN

Granger, IND

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	171	273	.626
Okafor, NOR	162	279	.581
Odom, LAL	239	422	.566
Howard, ORL	259	459	.564
Horford, ATL	274	488	.561
Ibaka, OKC	152	271	.561
Boozer, CHI	172	312	.551
Millsp, UTA	265	485	.546
Nowitzki, DAL	260	477	.545
Young, PHL	182	337	.540

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Love, MIN	38	185	411	596	15.7
Howard, ORL	35	122	336	458	13.1
Randolph, MEM	33	147	272	419	12.7
Griffin, LAC	36	141	314	455	12.6
Camby, POR	35	114	284	398	11.4
Gasol, LAL	38	134	277	411	10.8
Okafor, NOR	38	111	268	379	10.0
Odom, LAL	38	92	280	372	9.8
Horford, ATL	39	98	278	376	9.6
Duncan, SAN	37	103	242	345	9.3

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	25	336	13.4
Nash, PHX	33	353	10.7
Paul, NOR	38	369	9.7
Williams, UTA	38	355	9.3
Wall, WAS	23	203	8.8
Felton, NYK	36	313	8.7
Kidd, DAL	35	312	8.7
Rose, CHI	36	285	8.1
Westbrook, OKC	38	305	8.0
Calderon, TOR	31	245	7.9

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# Dolphins take varsity lead

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Marianas High School claimed the early lead in the varsity division of the 2010-2011 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Basketball League after whipping Grace Christian Academy, 93-62, last Monday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The win was the second in as many games for the Dolphins, giving them one victory ahead of second-running and defending champion Kagman High School. The Ayuyus had a similar easy win in their first game of the season, thumping Mt. Carmel School in the curtain raiser last Monday, 79-56.

The Eagles, who debuted with a 55-44 triumph over the MCS Knights last Friday, fell to third place. Mt. Carmel dropped to the bottom of the team standings with its 0-2 slate, while Saipan Southern High School is in fourth place with a 0-1 mark.

The Eagles' bid for back-to-back wins suffered a big blow early when they were outscored in the last four minutes of the first period. The Dolphins were ahead by only a deuce, 10-8,



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MHS Dolphins' Ro Sarmiento pulls up for an off-balanced shot against the GCA Eagles' Moon Bin Hong during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

when GCA succumbed to the former's pressured defense. The GCA struggle resulted in a Dolphins' 12-2 rally for their first double-digit lead, 22-10.

The Dolphins never looked back from thereon, as four of

their players scored in double figures, while GCA had only Dae Min Jeon consistently scoring for the Eagles.

Jeon tallied nine points in the opening quarter, which ended with MHS ahead, 24-

15, behind the 11 markers of Brandon Aurelio.

The Dolphins more than doubled their lead at half-time, 53-34, as Aurelio continued to burn the hoops and MHS coach Jose Tumaquip also drew contributions from John Darag, team captain Ed Manalili, Ezra Caro, and Mike Mancao in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, the Dolphins pulled away further, 72-48, leaving GCA with garbage points in the fourth canto.

Aurelio top-scored for MHS with 31 points, only a point behind the season-best 32 markers of Kagman High School's Savali Talalemoto. In two games with the Dolphins, Aurelio is averaging 25.5 points, as he also led MHS against Southern last week, firing 20 markers.

Caro chipped in 14 in the win, while Manalili and Darag posted 12 and 11, respectively.

Jeon led the Eagles' losing cause, drilling 23 points, while Moon Bin Hong was only the other GCA player to score in double figures with 13.

Meanwhile, Kagman will go for win No. 2 in the varsity division to force a tie for the lead with MHS. The Ayuyus will take on the Manta Rays

10 minutes after the junior varsity match between MHS and Southern concludes. The junior varsity game is set for 4:30pm with Kagman playing its first match of the season and the Rays hoping to recover from a sorry 33-35 loss to MHS last week.

**MHS 93** – Aurelio 31, Caro 14, Manalili 12, Darag 11, Mancao 9, Lacsina 5, Ichihara 4, Sarmiento 2.

**GCA 62** – Jeon 23, Hong 13, A. Salas 7, Libut 5, Choi 4, Kim 2, J. Salas 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-15, 53-34, 72-48, 93-62.

## UBA teams make slight changes in rosters

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A week before the 2nd Docomo Pacific/UBA Men's League kicks off, six of the nine teams had made minor changes in their lineups hoping to boost their chances in the tough competition ahead.

Gyles Ruloked and Gino Libuw, who are both listed in the initial rosters of Mobil and Northern Marianas College, ended up with the NMC Proa. Mobil then picked up veterans Banjo Basila and John Artates to fill the void left by Ruloked and Libuw.

Basila and Artates are expected to beef up Mobil's defense and team up with hotshot Jun Estolas. Completing coach Marvin Deocares' roster are Pando Muleta, Bon Tamayo, Anthony Wenceslao, Ron Gamboa, Jorge De Guzman, Leo Factor, Larry Sharry, Gil Gapor, and Marvin Rabauliman.

Libuw and Ruloked will have several former members of the CNMI Nationals as teammates in NMC and are expected to boost the team's ceiling. The two players will team up with former CNMI Nationals Pete Iguel, Dan Barcinas, Jack Lizama, Peter Mendiola, Joe Villacrusis, and Quincy Johnson. Also in the roster of coach Rufino Aguan are returning Mike Babauta, Aitao Barcinas, Dave Palacios, and Jesus Valdez.

The Rollers of coach Joe Diaz, who will be fielding the youngest team in the league, replaced gunner Brandon Aurelio with big man Sheen Metran. The former MHS player will join forces with Rollers mainstays Jojo Ulloa, Manny Matagolai, Juan Ogarto, Ham Ham-brose, Dom Reyes, John Laniyo, Paul Camacho, Don Teregeyo, Phil Norita, Tom Santos, and Frederick Litulimar.

Satbati of coach Marlon Sison also dropped one player from its original roster with swingman Rolly Paraiso leaving the team in favor of forward Robert Guiang. Guiang will give Satbati more power inside, as he will team up with big men Bart Demapan, Glenn Aquino, Andy Mortos, and Badong Camacho. Completing the team are Wowie Abuel, Mike Palacios, Conrad Sablan, Jun Pantaleon, Elgeanne Mangali, and Kermit Concepcion.

IP&E Konflikt also lost one player from its original roster, but Bernardo Aquino's presence may not be missed that much, as spitfire Mike Olaiti-man is taking his place. Olaiti-



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Mike Olaiti-man is the newest addition to IP&E Konflikt's roster for this year's UBA caging that will kick off on Jan. 17 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

man will be quarterbacking for IP&E Konflikt, teaming up with fellow guards Jomary Tumaquip and Brendon Talania. Elmer Esdrelon will remain the focal point of IP&E Konflikt's offense and will draw help from big men Bruce Berline, Mel Capalad, Marlon De Dios, Edwin Santos, Edsel Mendoza, and prized recruit Kae Bernardo. Giving IP&E Konflikt more depth are slash-



er Ivan De Vero and savvy veteran Junar Guiab. Ol'Aces added ceiling to their veteran crew with 6'4" Zack Diaz joining the team that already had gunners Ed and Ton Diaz. The Diazes will team up with Junior Renguul, Peter Camacho, Romei Iginoef, Tyrone Omar, Trevor Ogumoro, Jose Tumaquip, Ben Lisua, and and Clayton Kenty.

Defending champion Prospects, IT&E Fundamentalists, and Hoopaholics, who had already turned in their rosters last week, made no changes to their lineups and are confident to have a strong showing when the league kicks off on Jan. 17 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, teams have until this Friday to complete payment of entrance fee. The no pay no play rule will strictly be implemented in the nine-team league.

## Minor struggles in second tournament

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CNMI junior tennis player Thea Minor had a tough time in her second tournament in Australia, dropping her opening matches in both the U16 singles and doubles events of the 2011 Post Margaret Court Cup.

Minor was unranked in the 32-player main draw and duelled Victoria's Bronwyn Plowman in the first round last Saturday at the Albury Grasscourts in Albury, New South Wales. Minor went on to lose the first set by two points, 6-4, and fell short of forcing a deciding third set after bowing in an extended second set, 7-6 (4).

With the defeat, the CNMI netter dropped to the consolation bracket where she made it to the quarterfinals.

Minor drew a bye in the first round of the consolation draw and then won her first game against New Caledonia's Samuelle Bull, 6-2, 6-1, to march into the quarterfinals. In the Round of 8, Minor was pitted against Suonling Kang and the CNMI netter lost the closely fought match, 6-8.

Stacey Ponton, who lost to Minor in the U16 singles finals of the consolation bracket in the Shepparton tournament last week, topped the consolation group in Albury after downing Emily Ryan, 6-4, 6-4.

The winner of the main draw has yet to be determined, as four players were still battling for the U16 title yesterday. This includes Minor's fellow Pacific Oceania Touring Team member, Terani Kamoe of Fiji. Kamoe was scheduled to face top seed Elisa Long in the semifinals of the upper half bracket. The lower half bracket



Minor  
et semis game was to feature second-ranked Tyla Stenta and fifth-seeded Zoe Hives.

In the doubles event, Stenta and Long teamed up in beating Ryan and Maddison Gregor in the finals, 7-6, 6-2.

Minor joined forces with

## Fil-Taga Golfer of the Year tourney this weekend

Thirteen Fil-Taga members will battle for the 2010 Golfer of the Year Award this weekend when the club holds its season-ending tournament in two venues.

The first round of the 2010 Fil-Taga Golfer of the Year Tournament will be held at the Coral Ocean Point this Saturday with a show time at 11am and tee time at 12pm.



Vying for the coveted yearly plum are monthly Ace winners Joe Miranda, Dandito Brebonera, Joseph Fernandez, Jason Gatdula, Rommel Cruz, Ernie Lopez, Ja-

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Fil-Taga members pose for a group photo during the November tournament at Coral Ocean Point, which will host the first round of the 2010 Fil-Taga Golfer of the Year Tournament this weekend.

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## Auburn wins BCS title over Oregon

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**G**LENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—For a brief moment, Michael Dyer stopped running.



Hold on. No whistle. No ref raising his hand.

So he started running again — the tackler who thought he had

him down, deep into Oregon territory. A once-in-a-lifetime run, the kind that wins championships.

Dyer's stop-and-go maneuver set up a short field goal on the last play that sent No. 1 Auburn over the No. 2 Ducks 22-19 in the BCS title game Monday night.

"All I knew was the whistle wasn't blowing and my coach was saying 'Go!'" Dyer said.

With his 37-yard run, sure to be preserved in college football's highlight reel, the freshman running back did what most fans thought was impossible—he upstaged his teammate, Heisman-winning quarterback Cam Newton.

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Auburn coach Gene Chizik holds the trophy for quarterback Cam Newton after Auburn defeated Oregon, 22-19, in the BCS championship NCAA college football game Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. AP



### Tigers' Fairley lives up to rep

By JOHN ZENOR  
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**GLENDALE, Ariz.** (AP)—Nick Fairley lived up to his reputation in the BCS championship game, good and bad.

Dirty, dominant. Maybe both.

The All-American defensive tackle was unblockable at times, yes. He also got a personal foul in No. 1 Auburn's

22-19 victory over No. 2 Oregon on Monday night.

Fairley was flagged at the end of a run by LaMichael James for twisting an Oregon player's helmet. He had the elusive James slip out of his grasp on the next play, then plowed into quarterback Darron Thomas from behind to jar the ball loose and help end an Or-

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### Oregon's speedy offense sputters against Auburn

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
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**GLENDALE, Ariz.** (AP)—Nick-named the blur offense, Oregon's spread-option ran right into a speed trap named Auburn.

Everything that Oregon had become known for this season—the speed, the ability to wear down defenses, the big numbers—was absent for most of Monday night in top-ranked Auburn's 22-19 victory over the No. 2 Ducks for the national title.

Heisman candidate LaMichael James, the nation's leading rusher with 153 yards a game, was held to just 49 yards.

As a whole, Oregon's rushing attack managed 75 yards, well under its average of 304.

Quarterback Darron Thomas threw for 363 yards and two scores, but he was intercepted twice and sacked twice.

Known throughout the season for his ability to pull off big plays, Thomas really only had one—an 81-yard completion to Jeff Maehl in the first half—until the fourth quarter, when he calmly led Oregon on a scoring drive that tied the game at 19 with 2:33 to play.



Auburn's Michael Dyer (5) rolls over Oregon's Eddie Pleasant as he carries the ball on a 37-yard gain during the second half of the BCS National Championship NCAA college football game Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. AP

It was one of the only times that Oregon's offense appeared to click. Thomas hit D.J. Davis with a 29-yard fourth-down pass that kept the drive alive, then finished it off with a shovel pass to James. Thomas found Maehl in the back of the end zone for the 2-point conversion.

But it was too late for the Ducks to get rolling, and Auburn won it on

Wes Byrum's 19-yard field goal as time ran out.

The Ducks scored 49.3 points per game and won by an average margin of 30.9 points this season. They relied on wearing opponents down with their speed and pushing up the score in the second half. But they had not really

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Oregon's Darron Thomas, bottom, is sacked by Auburn's Nick Fairley during the first half of the BCS National Championship NCAA college football game Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. AP